

It's time the government really woke up to the renewed ...

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As [the FT notes](#) this morning:

Health authorities in England are bringing forward the latest Covid-19 booster vaccination programme to counter a potentially dangerous sub-variant of the virus.

The UK Health Security Agency suggested speeding up the autumn vaccination programme to provide the public with greater protection from serious illness.

They add:

The rollout — for people in care homes, the clinically vulnerable, those aged 65 and over, health and social care staff and carers — will now start on September 11, rather than in early October.

At last, they are taking Covid seriously again - because it is spreading like wildfire again.

But, the rollout programme remains far too limited in scope. This disease is still contributing to serious rates of excess deaths, likely resulting in tens of thousands of deaths a year. Mortality from hospital-acquired infection is reported to be running at rates of up to 10%. And it is not just the more elderly who are vulnerable - children are too.

Why it is that a disease as serious as Covid has been subject to the most massive public misinformation programme by a government that wants to pretend that it is over when that is anything but the case will, one day, need to be the subject of a public inquiry.