

NHS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE



Dear Patient

We know that you, like us, are struggling with the confines imposed upon us all due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone is trying to make the best of the situation and, as a practice, we are **committed to caring for you** in the best possible way whilst keeping both you and our team safe.

We are all excited to hear that there is **real progress on a Covid vaccine** and that this should improve the quality of life for all of us.

To keep you as informed as possible, we will update these messages frequently **as we become aware** of more information from NHS England:

- Some hospitals have now received the **Pfizer/BioNTech Covid** vaccine and have started to vaccinate patients. The hospitals are sending out invitations to the patients they are able to vaccinate.
- Some GP surgeries will be getting vaccines in the next few weeks. Our PCN (group of local practices) will be starting from **15th December 2020, at St Leonard's Hospital**.
- We have to **follow strict government guidelines** which tell us which group of patients to vaccinate first
- **We will contact you** if you are eligible for a vaccine when we know what date the vaccine is available for you.
- It is essential, if you are given a vaccine, that you **return for the second part** of the vaccination on the date that you are advised to.
- **Please do not telephone us** to ask when or if you are going to get a Covid Vaccine. **We will contact you** individually if and when you are invited to have one and will keep this website updated with as much information as we can.
- We have many patients to vaccinate so **we ask for your patience** as we work through this vaccination programme which will last well into 2021.

Meanwhile, we all need to keep to the advice of hand-washing, face masks and social distancing but we all look forward to the time when we will return to life as normal.

Thank you for your patience

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