

Vaccination Centre Update

It has been an exceptionally challenging time at Cricketfield Surgery, like it is at most GP Practices at the moment. Having to maintain a GP service and staff the vaccination centre whilst absences are still often frequent and lengthy due to isolations, is very challenging. We also have to make bookings for patients there, which takes over 30hrs of administration time each week. We have sourced temporary new staff and are doing our best to ensure both services are efficient for our patients.

We do need to clarify that we absolutely cannot take any enquiries about the vaccination program, despite what the media may advise. We simply do not have the capacity to take those calls and it blocks the lines for those patients with an important clinical need. We are now almost at the 10000 vaccinations mark so are rapidly moving through our patient lists by cohort priority; please be patient and we will make contact with you soon.

You are likely to get contacted by us through an AccurX text advising you to book online for our local vaccination centre. The only personal information you will be asked for is your date of birth, to confirm your identity.

If you get contacted by the mass vaccination sites then you can opt to go to that appointment but if you would prefer to attend the local centre, at Sherborne House in Newton Abbot, then you will be given that opportunity and it would probably only be a matter of days difference before we contact you. You can also book online for the mass vaccination centres, if you are over 70.

Wherever you opt to go if you are not able to attend an appointment given then please let that service know so that we can reduce the risk of any vaccine wastage. Clinics are planned very carefully based on doses in vials and once they are opened they must be used that day.

If you cannot make your appointment at Sherborne House, you may call our cancellation line on 07394 471 931

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 vaccine: effectiveness timeline

Pfizer/Biontech vaccine



Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine



This link provides local data on COVID-19 cases in the area:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

England is still under lockdown and the government will produce plans to ease out of this and this should be released during the week commencing the 15th of February.

Until then please observe the lockdown rules, even if you have had the vaccination.

This link provides you with the latest COVID-19 advice from the government:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

