

Covid-19 vaccination information

Covid-19 vaccinations for our patients will be delivered from Dover Health Centre by Channel Health Alliance from 14 January 2021. Channel Health Alliance is a collaborative federation of 28 GP practices within South Kent Coast CCG.

There will be home visits for housebound patients. We are inviting patients based on the [national priority list](#). Please be patient and wait to be contacted about when the vaccine is available for you.

You do not need to contact the surgery you will receive a letter, text or phone call about getting the Covid-19 vaccine.

Our phone lines are very busy currently; please help us to keep lines open for people needing to make appointments for other health matters.

In order to help us to support the Covid-19 vaccination programme, we are asking all patients, wherever possible, to use e-Consult to submit their online consultation requests. By using e-Consult, you will be helping us to continue to provide your medical care, whilst enabling us to release administration and clinical staff to provide cover for the Covid-19 vaccination HUB. By working together in this way, you will also enable us to help vaccinate more patients more quickly.

A link to e-Consult online consultations can be found on the practice website homepage at:

<https://www.strichardsroadsurgery.nhs.uk/>

We would like to thank you in anticipation, for helping us to help all patients living in the Deal and Sandwich and Dover Primary Care Network areas. Further information can be found on the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group website at:

<https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine>

If you have questions about the vaccine please read the information below.

Why is the vaccine not available from our own surgery?

Across the country GPs are working in groups of practices to provide the Covid-19 vaccine. We understand the people would like to get the vaccine from their own practice but unfortunately this is not possible at this time. If this changes we will update this information.

Should I come for a vaccine if I have symptoms of Covid-19?

No. If you or someone in your immediate household has symptoms of the virus it is essential that you self-isolate and book a test. Your vaccine can be re-arranged after your self-isolation.

If I've had Covid-19 do I need the vaccines?

Yes, getting vaccinated is just as important for those who have already had Covid-19 as it is for those who haven't.

How soon after having Covid-19 can I have the vaccine?

It is recommended that people wait 4 weeks after recovering from Covid-19 or from being tested positive but not experiencing symptoms. We will rearrange invitations if you are in this situation when first invited to have the vaccine.

When will the second dose be given?

From 30 December the national guidance changed and second doses will now be scheduled for 10-12 weeks after the first dose.

Can I pay for the vaccines privately?

No, all Covid-19 vaccines are being provided free by the NHS. If you see any offers to get the vaccine privately it will be a scam and you must not contact them.

Find out more: For more information about the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Kent and Medway please visit www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine