

Hampton Hill Medical Centre PPG COVID Newsletter, December 2020

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

The good news is that our Covid-19 vaccinations are starting! Our first will take place on Friday 18th December. Starting with some of our Patients who are over 80, plus Care Home Workers. Everyone else will be contacted in order of priority, and this will start happening after the New Year.

Be Patient, Keep Staying Safe & wait until you're contacted about your COVID Jab!

Everything you need to know:

- The Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is safe and effective. It will give you the best protection against Coronavirus
- The vaccine is just one part of our defence – we still need to continue with 'Hands, Face, Space'.
- For more detailed information please see <u>Immunisation - South West London CCG</u> (swlondonccg.nhs.uk)

"Have a peaceful Christmas, and a much better 2021!" From Hugh Rogers & Alison Young (Joint Chairs of the PPG / Patient Participation Group)

Order of Invitations:

- 1. Over 80's & Care Home Workers
- 2. Over 75's
- 3. Over 70's & Under 70's who have been required to Shield (extremely clinically vulnerable)
- 4. Over 65's
- 5. Over 50's

The NHS will let you know when it is your turn to have the vaccine. It is important not to contact the surgery for a vaccination before then as this will just clog up the lines of communication and prevent people with medical queries from getting through.





How Will The COVID Vaccinations Be Carried Out For HHMC?

Hampton Wick Surgery

Hampton Wick Surgery (26 Upper Teddington Road) is in the same PCN (Primary Care Network) as us and has been identified as the best location to undertake the exercise on behalf of HHMC as well as its own patients. There isn't any on-site parking but you may be able to park in nearby roads. It's also on the 285 bus route (there's a stop near the surgery) and this is probably the best way to get there, or you could go to Hampton Wick Station and walk back.

The injection itself is quick and easy to deliver. To ensure you feel quite OK before making your way home, you will be asked to wait another 15 minutes – so please allow at least 20 minutes for your appointment. The immunisation process requires two injections, 3-4 weeks apart. This means you will need to have a follow-up vaccination and a second appointment.

Please Note - In the unlikely event that you have a bad reaction to the vaccine, this will happen quickly and there will be fully qualified staff on hand, with the right equipment to deal with the situation. If HHMC is aware of any serious adverse reactions you may have had, you will not receive an invitation in the earlier part of the campaign as it may be best to wait for a different vaccine.

Hampton Hill Medical Centre Patient Participation Group

HHMC is always trying to improve the service we provide so we need to hear what you think. We do this through our Patient Participation Group (PPG). We meet three times a year. Our next meeting will be in **March 2021**. This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. Let us know if you would like to join and please provide us with your email. We will hear about latest developments from those such as Dr Staples and the Richmond Wellness Service, to discuss what they can do for you. Tell the PPG what you like / dislike about the service and what you think the current issues are for you. You can do this by emailing either or both of the Co-Chairs. Better still, get involved!

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