

# Covid vaccine GP website content

## **Covid-19 vaccination information**

Covid-19 vaccinations at 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 until you receive a letter, text or phone call about getting the Covid-19 vaccine.

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

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](http://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine)