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We understand that many of our patients will want to know more about the recent Government announcement relating to COVID-19 vaccinations. Although there is not an approved vaccine for COVID-19 yet, a lot of work is taking place to make sure the NHS is ready to offer these to people as soon as a vaccine passes all the strict safety checks and is approved.

Vaccines will be offered from a number of different locations to make sure everyone who needs a vaccine is able to get one. At the moment, we do not have any information about where these will be or when but we will share these details with patients as soon as we know.

At the moment, we do not have any information about when a vaccine will be ready. The NHS will not offer Covid-19 vaccinations until it is safe to do so and a vaccine is proved to be both safe and effective.

Current guidance states that the vaccine will be offered to those most at risk from COVID19 first, starting with people living in care homes and those over 80 years old. The guidance then states that the vaccine should then be offered to people with high or medium risk clinical conditions and those aged between 50 and 80. For further information about who will be offered a vaccine, please see the [guidance from the Joint Committee for Vaccinations and Immunisations which is available on the GOV.uk website](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-25-september-2020).

Our phone lines are extremely busy at the moment. Please could we kindly ask you **not to contact the practice** for information about the vaccine as there is not currently any further information available. Please keep our phone lines free for those patients who need urgent help.

We will continue to update our website as and when we have more information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.