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BOLTON COMMUNITY PRACTICE PATIENT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)



Coronavirus Vaccinations

Covid-19 Vaccination Appointments

Bolton Community Practice, Waters Meeting premises, have been designated a vaccination hub and BCP are expecting their first batch of vaccine by the end of week beginning 11th January. This will arrive between Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th January.

All vaccinations for BCP and surrounding practices patients will initially be available from Waters Meeting Health Centre only.

The first batch of vaccine will have enough doses to give the vaccination to 1000 patients and it has to be used within three and a half days. BCP staff will be working 7 days a week to do the vaccinations. The first batch will be used to vaccinate all patients aged 80 years old and above and care home residents.

When the vaccine delivery date is confirmed, patients in this age group **will be invited** by telephone to make an appointment (if your phone has 'caller recognition' it will show as 'Unknown or No Number or Withheld', please do not ignore it).

The 70 - 79 year old patients will be in the following group of patients to be vaccinated in line with National guidance.

All appointments will be by an invitation telephone call from the surgery, please **do not ring the surgery** to ask for an appointment.

At the Appointment

Arrive just before your appointment time. If you have a Carer with you, they can help you to the door but must then return to the car.

Please wear a warm outer coat and make sure you are wearing a short sleeve shirt or jumper as the vaccination is given in your upper arm. You will need to wear a face covering.

- A member of staff will admit you to the building and check your appointment.
- You will then be asked to consent to the vaccination and a member of staff will check that there are no reasons why you shouldn't receive the vaccine.
- You will then receive your vaccination and be escorted to a waiting room where you will need to remain for 15 minutes to check for allergic reaction. *(If you have a history of 'significant' allergic reactions to medicines, food or vaccines you should not receive the vaccine).*
- After the 15 minutes a member of staff will direct you to the exit.

BCP staff are working very hard to roll out the vaccine as and when it is available. As a patient, please do your part to make sure that the vaccination system works smoothly.

You will receive the second dose of the vaccine 12 weeks after the first one.

Thank you on behalf of the Patient Advisory Group.

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