

Penryn Surgery

Coronavirus Update - 16th February 2021

So far...

Around 3800 patients have received their first vaccination, this comprises those in Cohorts 1-4 and include those vaccinated by the surgery and at Stithians showground. A proportion of cohort 5 patients (ages 65-69) have also been vaccinated.

What's Next...

We are now moving to focus on Cohort 5 (patients aged 65-69) and Cohort 6.

Cohort 6 is a large Cohort of patients, aged between 16—64 with specific underlying health conditions. At first it was thought these conditions would be much the same as the criteria used to offer flu vaccines, but updated definitions shows the criteria are more strict.

These patients have been identified from their medical records, using specific criteria. **Please do not contact reception to enquire if you meet the criteria—We will contact you if you do.**

The JCVI defines patients in Cohort 6 as:

- chronic respiratory disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
- chronic heart disease (and vascular disease)
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease
- chronic neurological disease including epilepsy
- Down's syndrome
- severe and profound learning disability
- diabetes
- solid organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplant recipients
- people with specific cancers
- immunosuppression due to disease or treatment
- asplenia and splenic dysfunction
- morbid obesity
- severe mental illness

Adult carers (defined as those in receipt of a carer's allowance or who are the sole or primary carer of a person who is at high risk from COVID i.e. 'Shielded') will also fall into this cohort.

What Do You Need to Do To Get A Vaccine?

If you are over 70 and yet to be vaccinated, please contact the surgery, or ring 119.

Patients aged over 65 can now also book their vaccinations online at Stithians showground by ringing 119, or on the NHS website - search online for 'Book NHS Covid Vaccine'.

Patients in Cohort 6 please wait to be invited.

Please...

- **Be patient**
- **Wait to be invited for your vaccine, please do not contact reception to ask if you are in Cohort 6.**
- **Think carefully about making routine GP appointments for more routine or minor problems**
- **Use other resources for more minor health issues e.g. 111Online, the NHS website, or speaking to a pharmacist.**

Thank you for supporting us during these challenging times