

VACCINATION PROTECTS US FROM DISEASES



COVID-19 VACCINATION 2021 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

When will the vaccine be available?

At the moment we believe it will be mid-February. We will keep our website updated, so please do not phone reception in connection with start dates, as you may be delaying a medical emergency from reaching the practice.

Can I be put on the waiting list for it?

No. We are not running a waiting list for the vaccine. When we are told the priority for it we will contact our eligible patients.

How will I be called-up for the vaccine - will it be via you or otherwise?

We don't know yet. The HSE may send out letters to eligible patients, or there may be a national information program. Or GPs may be asked to contact our patients based on the eligibility priority set by the HSE.

I have an underlying condition; will I be called first for the vaccine?

We have not been told if those with certain medical conditions will be prioritised yet. It is likely to be our eldest patients first – as advised by the HSE. We as a practice will not be able to change your priority for the vaccine, so please do not ask.

I'm not sure if I should I get the vaccine based on my medical conditions, when offered?

We have not been issued with information yet on whether certain conditions should be excluded or when the vaccine is contraindicated. In most cases it will be your personal choice as to whether you get it or not (if eligible). For more information about the vaccine see:

<https://www2.hse.ie/covid-19-vaccine/>

I am pregnant, should I get the vaccine?

Please refer to the following <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-and-pregnancy.html>

Which vaccine will be available at the surgery?

We believe it will be the Oxford Astra/Zeneca vaccine, as this can be stored in the fridges here.

Is there a charge for the vaccine?

No. The vaccine will be free to patients, we will need your PPS number to give it. Please have this number to hand.

Can I pay and get it sooner?

No. The vaccine will not be available privately.