

Rescheduling your second coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine appointment

Due to new advice from the **UK Chief Medical Officers**, we have had to cancel **ALL** second coronavirus vaccination appointments. The new medical advice is that the second dose of the vaccine remains effective when given up to 12 weeks after the first dose, and should be given towards the end of this 12 week period.

While patients will need two doses of the vaccine to get the best long-term protection from the virus, patients will still have a significant level of protection at 22 days after receipt of the first dose. The new guidance will also help ensure that as many people as possible benefit from the first dose of the vaccine as soon as possible. Please be reassured that there are no safety concerns in the new guidance, and it will not impact on how effective the vaccination is in protecting patients from Covid-19 once the course is complete.

You do not need to call us. We will call you to reschedule second vaccine appointments as soon as we can.

It is important to note that even when you have received your vaccine, you must continue to follow government guidance on social distancing and wearing a mask, as well as the additional measures in place in your area.

We apologise for any inconvenience, and look forward to seeing you for your second vaccine dose at the right time.

For more information on the vaccine, please visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination