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## **COVID PANDEMIC NATIONAL LOCKDOWN JANUARY 2021 – PATIENT GUIDANCE**

Full guidance on the current lockdown is available on the government website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>.

### **Key points to note from the guidance:**

- Members of the public can still leave home for various purposes including medical reasons.
- Patients coded as clinically extremely vulnerable (COVID HIGH RISK and identified by NHS England) are again advised to shield and will receive a letter to this effect **from NHS England**. The letter is not issued by the Practice.
- COVID vaccination will be offered to four priority groups first, with the aim to have these done by mid-February:
  - People in care homes and their carers
  - The over 70s
  - Healthcare workers
  - Clinically extremely vulnerable patients (COVID HIGH RISK)

Full advice on the priority groups is available on the government website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### **Healthcare Workers**

Healthcare workers should approach **their employer** about vaccination, not their usual GP Practice. Vaccination will be offered at key sites around Hampshire and staff should wait to be invited.

At this stage we are not offering COVID vaccination at Beggarwood Surgery.

We are at the beginning of the vaccination process and cannot advise patients about a specific vaccine date. The vaccine will be offered more widely as soon as possible but we do not have exact dates. Please bear in mind that this is a national process and will therefore take time. There is no “waiting list” to be added to. Patients should wait to be invited.

Thank you

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