

## Covid vaccine – what we know so far

- Several potential vaccines are in the later stages of trials
- No vaccine has yet been approved
- NHS is planning to be ready from December with mass vaccination likely to be in the New Year
- It is likely that vaccinations will be given from one site in Chesham (yet to be decided/confirmed)
- This is because the Pfizer vaccine needs to be stored initially at -70c, so there will be national logistical difficulties
- Hopefully this will be overcome once other vaccines come on line
- One defrosted, the Pfizer vaccine must be stored at fridge temperature and used within 5 days
- Everyone will need two doses of the vaccine 21-28 days apart
- Patients who have driven will need to be monitored for 15 minutes after vaccination
- This is likely to cause a bottleneck and delays in the clinics so please attend on foot or get someone to drive for you
- You will be invited to book an appointment once we know more about delivery dates and other logistical arrangements

## Who will be eligible?

This is likely to be the order in which patients are called

1. Older adults resident in a care home and care home workers
2. All those 80 years of age and over and healthcare and social care workers
3. All those 75 years of age and over
4. All those 70 years of age and over
5. All those 65 years of age and over
6. High-risk adults under 65 years of age
7. Moderate-risk adults under 65 years of age
8. All those 60 years of age and over
9. All those 55 years of age and over
10. All those 50 years of age and over
11. Rest of the population (priority to be determined)

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You now know as much as we do