



## TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS

Dear Patient

We are all excited to hear that there is real progress on a Covid vaccine and that this should improve the quality of life for all of us.

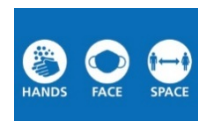
We know that you, like us, are struggling with the confines imposed upon us all due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone is trying to make the best of the situation and, as a practice, we are committed to caring for you in the best possible way whilst keeping both you and our team safe.

To keep you as informed as possible, we will update these messages frequently as we become aware of more information from NHS England:

- Some hospitals have now received the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid vaccine. Nationally, supplies are very limited at the moment, so they will need to be strictly prioritised in line with national guidance.
- We do not know which hospitals have received these vaccines, but we do know that they are distributed across the country.
- We are waiting to hear if there is going to be a large vaccination site locally to us.
- The 2 other Covid vaccines that are in development and have not yet been licensed to be used on patients in the UK – but we are expecting them to be licensed very soon.
- The expectation is still that the vaccinations will not start for most people until 2021 and it will take some time to vaccinate everyone who is eligible. Work is underway to prepare for the roll-out and good progress is being made.
- The Covid Vaccination Programme is moving very fast at the moment. As soon as we have some information that will affect us and our patients, we will announce it here on our website.

Meanwhile, we all need to keep to the advice of hand-washing, face masks and social distancing but we all look forward to the time when we will return to life as normal.



Thank you for your patience

Dr Slingsby and Partners

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