

Covid Vaccinations

As I think you know, Charing surgery is the Covid vaccination centre for its primary care network which includes patients of Tenterden, Hamstreet and Woodchurch surgeries. We are due to get our first 975 doses of the Pfizer vaccine on Thursday and will be vaccinating Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6.30 am in the morning until 7.15 in the evening (because of the way it is, it takes longer to vaccinate someone with this than many other vaccinations).

There are two messages:

1. People should not be worried if they are not called for this round of vaccine. There are 2,661 patients in the four surgeries who are over 80 so only just over a third will have been called this time. Those not called this time will be called as additional batches of the vaccine arrive. Please wait to be called as you cannot make an appointment for this.
2. It is hugely important that people who receive the first dose also turn up for the second. Don't be put off if you have the normal vaccination reactions such as sore arms, fever, chills, headache etc. Not only do you need the second dose to get immunity but if people do not turn up for the second dose the vaccine will probably have to be thrown away - the surgery cannot use them as first doses for other people as they will not know when or if a second dose would be available for them.