

Covid Vaccine Update

We continue to deliver our Covid Vaccination Programme with several other local practices from Hinckley Leisure Centre in Argents Mead, Hinckley. Appointments are being offered at Hinckley Leisure Centre (Pfizer vaccine) and at Burbage Surgery (Astra Zeneca vaccine) on both weekdays and weekends. Patients attending for vaccination at Hinckley Leisure Centre are not required to pay parking charges at the Leisure Centre Car Park.

All eligible patients have now been called in the priority groups defined by NHS England. Second doses of both vaccines commenced on 1st April 2021. As of 17th May 2021, 6734 of our patients have received their first vaccination and 3458 have received a second dose. All patients awaiting second vaccination will be offered an appointment date by surgery staff. And we are hopeful to complete all second doses by the end of June 2021. Please do not contact the surgery unless you are over 50 years of age and have not yet been called for your first vaccination or you have exceeded 12 weeks since your first vaccination.

People aged under 50 without underlying medical conditions in England are now being called for vaccination locally. They will be vaccinated in order of age by services working on behalf of the practice.

Covid Vaccination Certificates

We are unable to issue this certificate at the practice.

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad> for further information.

Proof of your vaccination status will be available on the NHSapp which is also valuable for accessing your health records and ordering repeat



prescriptions. The NHSapp can be downloaded from <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/nhs-app/id1388411277> for iPhone or <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nhs.online.nhsonline> for android.

Alternatively you can call the NHS helpline on 119 (from 17 May 2021) and ask for a letter to be posted to you. This must be at least 5 days after you've completed your course of the vaccine; the letter may take up to 5 days to reach you. Please call 119 for any vaccination certificate related enquiries.

Surgery update

Whilst we continue to work towards restoration of our services, restrictions remain in place to limit the number of patients entering our surgery premises. Access is by appointment only and all patients are required to wear a face covering when attending surgery. Please do not enter our surgery in order to make an appointment or request a prescription. Please return home and telephone reception. Requests for prescriptions should be made on line wherever possible or by posting your

repeat slip in the prescription box at the front of the surgery. Our telephones are much busier than usual but we will answer your call as soon as we are able. Wolvey, Sapcote, Sharnford Surgeries remain closed temporarily due to Covid-19. We continue to deliver medication for our dispensing patients but will cease this service once access restrictions are lifted and we are able to safely re-open our surgeries.

Staffing changes

Dr Ghazanfar Zaidi has moved on to the next part of his training. Dr Rajeev Upreti has now joined the practice and will remain with us until August 2021. We would like to welcome Colette Roach and Jane Wright to our reception team.

Burbage Surgery PPG AGM

At the A.G.M meeting of the Burbage Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) on the 6 April 2021, the following people were elected to the committee:

Tony Sheldon (Chairman)

John Goes (Vice Chairman)

Pamela Adams (Treasurer)

Wendy Brown (Secretary)

Other committee members voted in include **Dr Phil Thomason, Wendy Shaw, Alison Stapleford, Jean Bryant, Jean Willis, Giles Hudson, Yhona Adcock and Babita Joshi.**

Several members have now stood down from the PPG. Carol Davies, a founder member of the PPG has retired along with Patricia Hydon and Stephen Smith-Phelps. Paul Stewart has also retired and held the position of secretary for many years. Paul was a huge support to the PPG and has now been succeeded by Wendy Brown. We would like to thank all members for their tremendous input they have given to the PPG over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

Membership of Burbage Surgery PPG is open

to all patients registered with the surgery, irrespective of age, race, gender, disability and ethnicity. Current members of the group are representative of the patients registered with the practice. The PPG currently includes members from the Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities with ages ranging from the late 30s to 70s. Applications from younger people, disabled and BAME (black and minority ethnic) communities are particularly welcomed. Anyone wishing to join the PPG please contact Tony Sheldon via the surgery or email burbageppgchair@btinternet.com

Thank you messages

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere thanks to the following:

Moira Forrest – Moira has raised a staggering £910 for Burbage Surgery from a sponsored 80 mile pedal from Burbage to Burbage Derbyshire from her own home in March 2021. Moira has also made a donation to the Cardiology Department at Glenfield Hospital from funds that she raised. We would like to thank Moira for her amazing achievement and her generous donation.

Hijaz Community – Thank you to all at the Hijaz Community for donating Curry's for our practice staff. They were enjoyed by all.

Vera Silva – Vera donated hand creams for our ladies in our reception team which were gratefully received.

Reception Staff

We are presently recruiting Reception Staff. If you feel you have the right skills to work as part of our reception team, please contact Wendy Shaw, Practice Manager or Lynn Wilcox, Assistant Practice Manager on 01455 634879 for further information and an application pack.

Coronavirus update

Our surgery website is regularly updated to provide information to patients regarding latest advice regarding Coronavirus. Please also see www.gov.uk/coronavirus