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TITLE: Latest news on the COVID-19 vaccination programme

You will have seen the latest news of the Omicron variant, which is spreading much faster than previous variants. General practices have been temporarily instructed to focus on the vaccination and boosting programme to help speed up protection for as many people as possible.

This places us in a very tough position. Our team wants to protect people from COVID and care for people as we usually do. It is going to be challenging to do both. This might affect your care over the next few weeks, but we want to emphasise that we are still here for you especially if you need us urgently.

What is happening in the practice?

We have been instructed to focus on delivering the huge number of vaccinations and boosters jabs and urgent care for our patients. And we hope to reach this goal and return to our routine work by the New Year.

This might mean we need to contact some patients to advise that their requests or appointments need to be postponed until the New Year. If you are affected, we shall contact you to discuss this with you.

Why is this happening?

There are only so many GPs, nurses, pharmacists, and other clinical staff who can vaccinate people. We can not physically do this at the speed needed to protect everyone whilst doing the day job too.

This is why we have been urged to concentrate on vaccinations and urgent care for the next few weeks.

Who should I call if I need an appointment?

If you are unwell, please still contact us so we can clinically determine whether your request is urgent or not. You do not need to make that decision; our clinical team will do that for you. Your health is important to us, and we want to make sure that you continue to get the care you need when you need it most.

I haven't had my COVID vaccinations yet - can I still get them?

Please do not worry - let's get you protected. You can book your 1st, 2nd and booster jabs through the national online booking system here: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Or by calling 119 or visiting a local walk-in.

Search 'Find a vaccination site' online for your nearest walk-in centre offering vaccines this week.