**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Booster Vaccines**

**Please wait to be contacted by the Practice**

A coronavirus (COVID-19) booster vaccine dose helps improve the protection you have from your first 2 doses of the vaccine. It helps give you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

You will only be able to book an appointment for a booster dose if it's been at least 6 months (180 days) since your 2nd dose of the vaccine.

**You will need to:**

* book 1 appointment for 1 booster dose
* wait 4 weeks if you've had a positive COVID-19 test, from the date of the test.

**Who is eligible:**

Booster vaccine doses will be available on the NHS for people most at risk from COVID-19 who have already had 2 doses of a vaccine and this will include:

* people aged 50 and over – in cohort priority (oldest first)
* people who live and work in care homes
* frontline health and social care workers
* people aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
* carers aged 16 and over
* people aged 16 and over who live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
* People who are pregnant and in 1 of the eligible groups can also get a booster dose.

**Which COVID-19 vaccine will I get?**

Most people will be offered a booster dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine or Moderna vaccine. This means your booster dose may be different from the vaccines you had for your 1st and 2nd doses.

Some people may be offered a booster dose of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine if they cannot have the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.

**COVID-19 booster vaccine and flu vaccine**

Most people who can get a COVID-19 booster vaccine are also eligible for the annual flu vaccine.

If you are offered both vaccines, it's safe to have them at the same time.