

## **Hailsham vaccination sites – Wealden district**

### **Update on COVID-19 vaccinations service for Hailsham Medical Group – 15/01/21**

We are pleased to confirm the arrangements for our patients to receive the COVID-19 vaccination are progressing well.

We aim to start vaccination services from the three Hailsham GP surgeries in the next two weeks subject to vaccine delivery.

The service is a partnership between our practice, our partners in the Hailsham Primary Care Network and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust.

It will cover all registered patients at Bridgeside Surgery, Hailsham Medical Group and The Quintins Medical Centre.

Preparations are progressing with the aim that the first vaccines will begin to be administered in the next two weeks, subject to a confirmed vaccine delivery date.

This vaccination service will start providing vaccinations for people over the age of 80 registered with Hailsham GP practices.

Our practice teams are identifying their patients who are eligible at this stage and appointments will be booked in over the coming weeks.

People are asked not to contact your GP practice but to wait until you are contacted. You will be contacted as soon as an appointment is available for you.

If anyone is concerned about how they will travel to get a vaccine during lockdown, it should be noted that, under the national guidance, it is permissible to receive a lift from someone or there are community transport providers offering this support in terms of transport for medical appointments.

You can find information about community and non-emergency transport on the East Sussex County Council website, or call the community hub on 01323 443322.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is the biggest immunisation programme ever undertaken by the NHS. As we roll out vaccines, we'd like to remind people of 3 things:

1. The NHS will contact you when it's your turn, so please do not contact us beforehand.
2. Please act on your invite when it comes.
3. Remember Hands, Face, Space. It will save lives and help the NHS.