



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



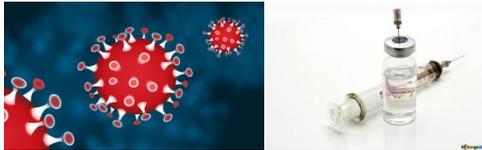
Building work

As many will probably know we are currently having work undertaken to improve the practice premises. This was scheduled to last 2 weeks but is currently looking at lasting at least three weeks. Once completed this should increase F2F appointment availability (currently both doctors working out of one room for F2F appointments and sharing this room with the midwife also). Your patience whilst we do this is much appreciated.

Flu Vaccine extended cohort (50-64 years)

We have finally been allowed to order additional vaccine and this should be arriving in early December. We hope all those eligible who would like the vaccine have made themselves known to reception. We hope to deliver these vaccines in the first two weeks of December. If you fall within the eligible group, or if you are under 65 and in an at risk group, this is your last chance. If you have not indicated you wish to be vaccinated this year, please do so.

COVID VACCINE



We are still awaiting further guidance and will update patients when we have been informed about the mass vaccination programme.

Christmas Opening

Unless instructed otherwise by NHSE, we will be taking the Bank Holidays. Please ensure you have enough medication to last over the holiday period. At the time of writing this, I do not yet know what the government guidelines will be (they seem to change daily). All I can say is COVID-19 does not know it is Christmas and please take sensible precautions if out and about.

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I know I have said this before in previous newsletters but without your understanding and embracing of this 'new way of working' we would have had an even tougher year. It was very difficult for us to change the way we practice overnight and I know the impact it has had on patients. For those of you who shared our early attempts at video consultations, thank you for not laughing at our ineptitude with IT. For those who hated the thought of telephone triage (not as much as we did) thank you for doing this without complaint. For those of you who embraced 'e-consult' for on-line appointments – we could do with a bit less enthusiasm to be honest as we struggle to answer these within the timeline!

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Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and for a better 2021!

