

Patient Information – your Covid Vaccination appt

Dear Patient and/or Carer,

Your GP practice is now able to arrange invitations for your first covid vaccination. We will be following the priority groupings as listed by Central Government. **You need to wait until you receive a text or telephone invitation before making your appointment for vaccination.**

Even if you are in the first cohort (aged over 80), please understand you must have a booked appointment as regular supplies of the vaccine are still being established and our appointments reflect the amount of vaccine we expect to have available – in short there is no surplus and so we have no facility to manage any “drop-in” patients.

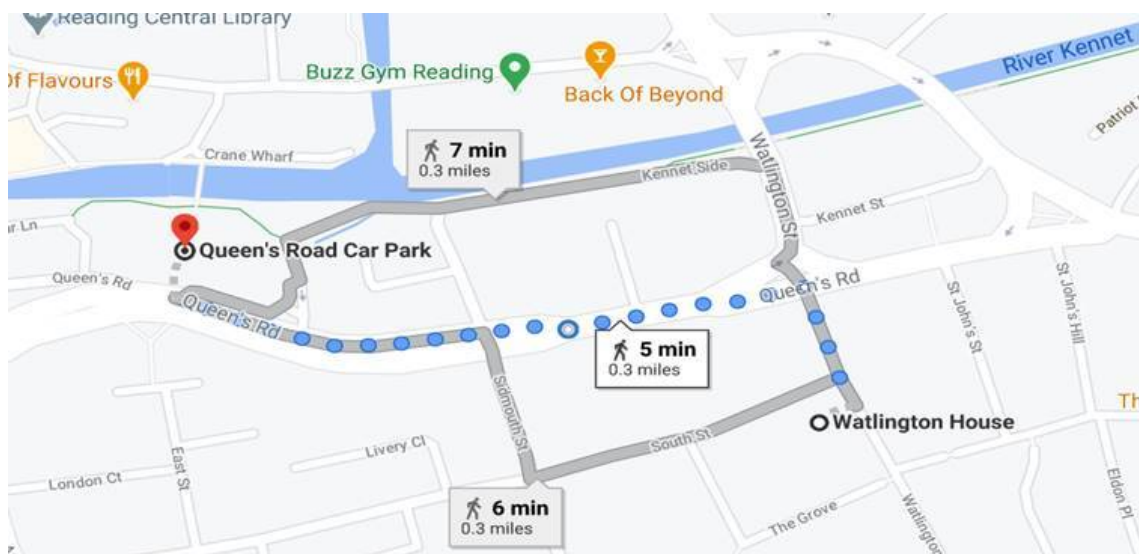
To aid patient flow through the site can we ask that you arrive at the vaccination hub as close to your allocated appointment time as possible, preferably with your signed consent form. Your practice should inform the Hub of any communication, language or special access needs you may have, ahead of your appointment, to enable our staff to provide any necessary additional support.

All Staff will be wearing face masks and other protective equipment, please do not be alarmed, this is to keep you both safe. **It is essential you attend the clinic wearing a face covering also.**

We have provided the following instructions below for you to follow upon arrival. Your appointment will be at **The Garden Hall, entrance opposite 71 South Street, Reading RG1 4RA. Access to the hub is ONLY via South St.**

Due to restrictions in parking capacity on site, this will only be available for Blue Badge Holders and for essential drop offs. The Wesley Methodist Church on the corner of Queens Rd and Watlington St has very kindly offered us the use of their car park for essential drop offs also and we will have marshals able to assist you to access the vaccination hub, just across the road from the rear of the Church.

We recommend all patients who are able to, either attend using public transport or if travelling by car use the nearby Queens Road carpark which is located 0.2 miles from the vaccination site. **Entrance to the hub is only via South St.**



- 1) Upon arrival at the Queens Road car park after securing your ticket please walk to the site 5-10 minutes before your allocated appointment time.
- 2) **The vaccination Hub can be accessed by crossing the dual carriage way at the pedestrian crossing, and then walking east along Queens Road/A329 main road until you reach Sidmouth Street. Turn Right onto Sidmouth Street and walk 300 feet until you reach South Street. Turn left onto South Street and walk another 350 feet. The vaccination Hub entrance will be signed posted and is located opposite no 71 South Street. **There is no access to the Hub from Watlington St itself – you must use the South St entrance.****
- 3) You will be greeted by a volunteer marshal member of the Hub Team who will direct you towards the entrance.
- 4) If other patients are also waiting in the queue, please remember to keep to a 2-metre distance
- 5) Please note, the Hub will be staffed by volunteers and all will be working very hard to make your visit as safe and pleasant as possible. We ask you be patient if queues build up – vaccinations on this scale have never been undertaken in the last two generations.
- 6) We ask that you wear accessible clothing to receive a vaccination in the upper arm and avoid bringing large handbags/carryalls to the site.
- 7) Where possible ONLY THE PATIENT WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY (one carer or interpreter if really essential but you must make the hub aware of this preferably in advance or upon immediate arrival.

Thank-you for your support and co-operation, much needed to ensure a satisfactory experience.