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**Book your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine appointments now**

Dear Mrs X

You are able to book your free NHS coronavirus vaccine now.

We have sent you this letter as experts recommend that people in your age group are among the first to get the vaccine. This is because evidence shows that risk of serious illness because of coronavirus increases with age.

**How to book your appointments**

To book your vaccination, visit: **www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination**

If you cannot use the NHS website, phone 119 free of charge.

You can ask someone else to do this for you if you prefer. The phone line is open into the evening and you may choose to ring later in the afternoon or early evening when it is less busy.

When you book, you will need:

* your name and date of birth
* your NHS number, which is at the top of this letter

You should book as soon as possible. If you've had your first vaccine dose already, ignore this letter, the NHS will contact you when it's time for your second dose.

If you can't travel to one of the locations available through www.nhs.uk or by ringing 119, or there is another reason you can't book an appointment at one of these locations, you can choose to wait until your local GP services contact you if they haven't already. If you would rather do that, you don't need to do anything now - just wait for your GP services to contact you. More locations will also become available through www.nhs.uk or by ringing 119 in the coming weeks so you could also try again later.

If you are unable to leave the house to travel to where you are offered an appointment and cannot arrange for someone to help you, your local NHS services will be in contact with you.

If you receive a letter and already have an appointment booked to have your vaccine at a local GP service please ignore the letter. There is nothing you need to do except turn up at your scheduled GP appointment.

**About the coronavirus vaccine**

You need 2 doses of the vaccine to get the best protection from the virus.
Your second dose will be given up to 12 weeks after your first.

When you book your first appointment through
**www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination** or by phoning 119, you will also need to book your second appointment.

For more information, read the leaflet that came with this letter, or visit
**www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination**

Some people may not be able to get this vaccine at the moment. If you have had bad allergic reactions in the past, it is important that you read all the guidance. You can also ask about it when you book, or discuss it with a health professional when you attend your appointment.

The place that you choose to have your vaccine will keep you safe from COVID-19 through a range of measures including cleaning and disinfecting and having social distancing in waiting areas. Please also wear a face covering to your appointment.

Remember, the vaccine is only available from the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine.