



The Government of Sark

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Dear Residents,

Following the great news of a vaccine against COVID 19, we wish to inform you of the Sark Vaccination Program.

The Sark Medical Practice and the Committee are working very closely with Dr Brink and Guernsey Public Health who are directing us through the Bailiwick Vaccination Program.

Sark residents will be offered the AstraZeneca Vaccine which will be arriving in Sark very soon. We will be allocated a specific number of doses on each delivery of the vaccine during the following weeks.

To allow the vaccine to be administered promptly Guernsey Public Health along with UK Public Health have devised the following categories for the vaccine program.

The first vaccine doses will be given to anyone in category 1 and category 2 which will include the 1st and 2nd dose per patient.

All other categories potentially will have the vaccine doses within the next 12 weeks in line with Guernsey Public Health guidelines.

Categories are as follows: -

- 1) older adults' resident in a care home and care home workers
- 2) all those 80 years of age and over and health and social care workers (which includes all Island Medical personnel)
- 3) all those 75 years of age and over
- 4) all those 70 years of age and over
- 5) all those 65 years of age and over
- 6) high-risk adults under 65 years of age
- 7) moderate-risk adults under 65 years of age
- 8) all those 60 years of age and over
- 9) all those 55 years of age and over
- 10) all those 50 years of age and over
- 11) rest of the population (priority to be determined)

Further information regarding categories can be found on the Sark Medical website – www.sarkmedical.co.uk

More information on the vaccine in general can be found on the Guernsey Government website: - <https://covid19.gov.gg/guidance/vaccine>

Our Practice Manager or Practice Nurse will be contacting residents once we have an official date of the vaccine delivery and we can begin the vaccination program.

They will arrange an appointment for you to receive the vaccine at the Sark surgery. **Please do not telephone the surgery about appointments for vaccinations.**

You will be given the 2 doses of the vaccine if you are in category 1 and 2 and you will be notified for your follow up appointment within 4 weeks of your 1st dose.

The Medical staff at the practice will be offering daily appointments to ensure the speedy administration of the vaccine.

This will enable Sark's community to have the protection from Coronavirus as soon as possible.

The vaccine is optional and is at your choice to receive the vaccine.

There will be **NO CHARGE** to residents for the vaccine or the administration.

It is of great importance that as many people as possible receive the vaccine if we are to achieve reducing the risk to our community of COVID 19 for now and hopefully in the future.

If you require any further information, please contact the Medical and Emergency Services Committee - medical.emergency@sarkgov.co.uk or the Practice Manager **BY EMAIL ONLY** – practice.manager@sarkmedical.co.uk



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