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VACCINATION UPDATE

The vaccination programme in Sark is now inviting adults over 40 to receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Residents who are 40 and over have been contacted by the surgery and invited to attend a vaccination clinic.

Any adult who is 40 or over and who wishes to receive the vaccine and has not received an invitation should contact the surgery by email only: practice.manager@sarkmedical.co.uk

There is no charge for the vaccine, but we cannot afford to waste doses, when you are given your appointment time you must make every effort to attend or re-arrange your appointment with the surgery.

If you do not want to receive the vaccine then you must let the surgery know in advance and not just fail to attend your appointment, failure to attend may result in wasted doses. Please prioritise getting vaccinated over other commitments to protect the community.

Age group 18-30 inclusive:

Due to recent concerns regarding the safety of the AstraZeneca vaccine in the age group 18-30 Dr Brinks has recommended that an alternative vaccine is to be offered.

Guernsey is offering to vaccinate all Sark resident adults aged 18-30 in Guernsey on a pre-arranged date, through their vaccination centre, free of charge including free travel to and from Guernsey.

It is anticipated that this will take approximately 3-4 hrs, including travel times.

It cannot be over emphasised that vaccination is safe and is the only way to protect ourselves and our Community. Mild side effects may be experienced, but these are usually short lived.

In order to establish numbers and start the arrangements, please can ALL 18-30 inclusive residents who wish to receive the vaccine contact the surgery: practice.manager@sarkmedical.co.uk as soon as possible.

If you decline this offer and decide that you want to be vaccinated at a later date, then you will have to bear the full cost of transport.

Confirmation of vaccination is still being discussed but may be required in the future. Some transport carriers may require proof of vaccination prior to travel, regardless of Bailiwick policy.