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Dear Patient,

## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

As you may have heard GP Practices have been asked to work together to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. We are pleased to confirm that we will be providing this service in collaboration with our Primary Care Network Practices, namely Marple Medical Practice, Marple Bridge Surgery, High Lane Medical Centre, Beech House Medical Centre and Springfield Surgery.

We are required to provide this service from one site rather than at each practice. Therefore, initially, we will be providing the vaccinations from Hazel Grove Baptist Church, which is opposite Hazel Grove Train Station (we cannot provide the vaccination at Marple Cottage Surgery).

We do not have a delivery date for the vaccines as yet, and will only get 10 days' notice of the delivery date. When this has been confirmed we will need to book all appointments within a three day window to ensure that the vaccine is effective. This will become a logistical challenge for the practice as, on short notice, we will need to redeploy staff to work at Hazel Grove Baptist Church. We hope that you will understand and be supportive if we have to rearrange some practice appointments to accommodate this staffing need.

Please do not contact the practice regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination as we cannot book an appointment until we have been given a delivery date. Initially we are required to vaccinate patients over 80 years of age and we will contact these patients as soon as the delivery date is confirmed. If anyone has any questions regarding the vaccination, we will publish some patient leaflets on our [Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The COVID-19 Vaccination programme will run through to the middle of 2021 as we are required to vaccinate other age groups. We will therefore need support from the Practice Team but also patients who might be able to volunteer to help with marshalling onsite. If you feel that you would be able to help please email the Practice at [STOCCG.MarpleCottageSupport@nhs.net](mailto:STOCCG.MarpleCottageSupport@nhs.net) and we will be in contact if we need to call upon you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



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