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Dear Patient

You are invited to make an appointment to attend for your COVID-19 vaccination. This must to be given as two injections.

It is important that you attend both appointments in order to complete the course.

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of you suffering from COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective and it takes a few weeks for your body to build up protection from the vaccine. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but the vaccine should lessen the severity of any infection. **If you are currently pregnant, planning pregnancy or breastfeeding please read the detailed information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>**

The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 infection, however, two doses will reduce your chance of becoming seriously ill. You will still need to follow the guidance in your workplace, including wearing the correct personal protection equipment and taking part in any screening programmes. Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short-term and not everyone gets them. Before attending the clinic, please read the consent letter and additional information to make your informed choice before having the vaccine: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-and-letter-for-adults>.

If you need further information to help you make your decision, please contact the practice in advance of your appointment.

In order to reduce wastage of this precious vaccine, it is important that you contact us to cancel your appointment if you are unable to attend. Please also contact us to cancel your appointment if you are unwell or display any COVID symptoms (such as a continuous dry cough, temperature and/or loss of taste or smell) or if you are currently self-isolating.

Please do not arrive early for your appointment. Due to social distancing constraints and to ensure the safety of all patients and staff, if you arrive early for your appointment, you may be turned away and asked to return at the correct time. Please wear a face covering and use the hand gel at the entrance to the hospital.

The Covid vaccination clinic will be The Green House Surgery, which is on the first floor of Redcar Primary Care Hospital .

If you are unable to access the information links, please do not worry, we will go through this with you at the clinic.

Yours sincerely

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