

What does the relaxation of the COVID 19 Restrictions on the 19th of July mean for us?

Following the recent government announcement that most Covid-19 restrictions are to be lifted from Monday 19th July, we want to keep you updated on how that will affect your experience in our surgery.

Rule of Six/Social Distancing

We believe our current arrangements, limiting the number of patients waiting for their appointments is right to protect our patients and staff. We will slightly increase the numbers we can safely and comfortably have inside and will keep this under review in the coming weeks.

We will continue to screen for symptoms at the front door before letting patients in.

As many of you know, surgeries remain busy nationally, its no different here.

Our staff are still immensely busy and we would ask patients to consider whether their query could be directed to another, more appropriate service such as a pharmacist, minor injuries or 111.

Our local Boots pharmacies, Buckland and Day Lewis are able to treat patients for minor common illnesses under their Pharmacy First Scheme.

It is also important to note that people must continue to isolate and get tested if they have symptoms of COVID 19, or have contact with someone who has tested positive.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

MASK WEARING

Both patients and staff will still be required to wear masks while in our Practice (unless exempt) after July 19th. This is in line with NHS guidance for all health settings. Our Clinicians will continue to wear PPE when seeing patients and maintaining infection control procedures to reduce the risk of spreading infection. We remain committed to keeping our patients safe.

Finally, thank you to all of our patients for your understanding and patience during what continues to be, a challenging time for all.

Practice Newsletter coming soon which will give you updates about surgery information and changes to services, as always we value feedback from our patients.



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