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| **Department of Nephrology** |

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: COVID-19 Vaccinations for our Dialysis Patients**

This letter is to update you on the provision of COVID-19 vaccinations to people receiving dialysis treatment under the care of XXXXX.

People receiving dialysis are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19 compared to people with normal kidney function. For this reason, kidney doctors and nurses across the UK have are continuing to highlight the need to prioritise patients with kidney disease (through the Renal Association and British Renal Society. **Having a vaccine can save your life and it is strongly recommended.**

We are delighted to inform you that we have secured slots for our dialysis patients to be vaccinated at the XXXXX on XXXXX. Over the next couple of days you will receive XXXXX communications about booking an appointment for this date. We would strongly encourage you to book an appointment.

Please **DO NOT** attend if you:

* Are feeling unwell
* Have already received the vaccination via your GP or the Vaccination Hub
* If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 28 days

If you have concerns or questions regarding COVID-19 vaccination, please do ask staff at your dialysis unit.

If you do receive a vaccine elsewhere, please tell us that you have had it. You will be given a card with the details on it. Please bring this to your dialysis so that we can record the details in your hospital records.

Kidney Care UK website also has useful information for kidney disease and Coronavirus.**https://www.kidneycareuk.org/news-and-campaigns/news/covid-19-vaccination-adult-patients-kidney-disease/**