



## **THE ASSOCIATION OF MANDHATA SAMAJ, UK.**

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**Dear Friends/Fellow Samaj Associates,**

**Re: COVID-19 VACCINATION**

I am Hasmukh S Patel residing in Dudley and member of a number of Community Organisations representing a large Gujarati Community associated with both the charitable organisations in the Dudley MBC and the UK. Most of you will know me as the President of the Association of Mandhata Samaj UK.

As President of AMSUK, but sharing a personal view, I feel it is my duty to write to you regarding the COVID-19 Vaccinations.

As you will all know, the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted individuals from all walks of life including our Community.

The rapid spread of the coronavirus has posed an enormous health, economic and social challenge to the entire human population. The news is continuously providing updates, which include daily totals on infection rates, deaths and number of vaccinations.

Three COVID Vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford-AstraZeneca and Moderna have been approved in the UK by the regulatory body MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency). They have each been thoroughly tested and reviewed by the Regulatory Authority. Publicly, all experts have concluded they are safe and effective.

There is a lot of information available about the vaccine, however, there has been some concern and reluctance amongst ethnic minority group about receiving the vaccine.

I would personally like to say that I am 69 and have looked into the details of the vaccines and listened to the experts on various virtual Zoom sessions on the subject. I myself do not have any reservations about receiving the vaccine. In fact, my wife and I both received our first dose of the vaccine on 17th February 2021, with hardly any side effects thereafter.

For the safety of yourself and others I would recommend that you take the vaccine as soon as you are advised to do so. Please note the following:

- The vaccination might not be delivered by your local GP surgery but at another location in your area.
- When it is the right time for you, you will receive an invitation to come forward and be told where to go and what to do.
- For most people this will be a letter, either from their GP or the national NHS.
- This letter will include all the information you will need to book appointments, including your NHS number.
- Please do not phone GP surgeries or other NHS services with general queries about how and when you will be able to get the vaccine when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments;

In the meantime, and even after taking the vaccine, please continue to follow all the Government guidance to control the virus and save lives.

**Specifically Remember; Hands > Face > Space.**

**Please share this INFORMATION with your family and friends. Stay well and stay safe.**