

Flu Vaccinations 2020

We would like to inform our patients that because of the current pandemic there will be some adjustments this year to flu clinics and the booking system to ensure the safety of patients and staff.

Please note the flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19 so government guidance needs to be followed for this.

ALL flu bookings this year will require an appointment, and this time must be adhered to. We will be unable to accommodate opportunistic walk-in vaccinations, and priority will be given to the most vulnerable patients in the first instance. Saturday clinics will be running, but these will be booked for allocated time slots.

The first clinic will be SATURDAY 19TH September 2020 starting at 10am.

In the first instance we will be inviting People aged 65 and over by 31st March 2021 i.e. born before 1st April 1956

Please ring the surgery to book an appointment.

See below for Eligible Groups Flu 2020-21:

- People aged 65 and over by 31st March 2021 i.e. **born before 1st April 1956**
- Children aged two and three years old on 31st August 2020 i.e. **born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2018**
- Pregnant women
- People living in care homes or other long-stay care facilities
- Carers (unpaid carers)
- Third sector carers (voluntary workers- will need a letter from their organisation)
- Members of voluntary first aid organisations (will need a letter)
- Community First responders (will need a letter)
- Household contacts of those on the NHS shielded list
- People aged six months to less than 65 years with a long term health problem

COPD, Asthma, Heart disease,

Chronic kidney disease stage 3, 4 or 5, Chronic liver disease

Chronic neurological disease, Learning disability, Immunosuppression (and household contacts of at risk individuals)

Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen including coeliac disease

BMI of 40 or more

There is an intention from government that people aged 50-64 year old should be offered vaccination. However you WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE UNTIL WE KNOW IF THE VACCINE COMPANIES CAN MAKE EXTRA VACCINES. The hope is that this cohort of people will be vaccinated towards the end of the year.

There is currently no COVID-19 vaccination available, so no clinics are being offered for this purpose.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding during this time.