



Flu/Covid booster campaign 22/23 – Information for patients

This year, many more patients will be eligible for a free NHS influenza vaccine. We will vaccinate patients in order of priority, based upon clinical need.

Eligible patients

Please click on the link for details of who is eligible for a flu vaccination.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why/the-flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-and-why>

If you are unsure if you are eligible, please contact the surgery. The medical records of all eligible patients are clearly flagged, and we can see at a glance.

Copies of vaccine data sheets about the vaccines we will use are available upon request or by visiting this page of our website:

<https://thegreenhousesurgery.co.uk/info.aspx?p=19>

How will we invite eligible patients?

Patients will be invited by text message, email or a telephone call. In exceptional cases, where a patient has specific special needs, we will send a letter of invitation.

Where and when will the clinics be held?

We aim to vaccinate large numbers of patients as early in the flu season as possible. We also need to ensure your safety (social distancing etc). Where we are dealing with large numbers of patients, it is not possible to do this in our usual surgery premises and so we will operate flu clinics on **Wednesdays and Fridays and some weekends** from the **Outpatient department, on the ground floor of Redcar Primary Care Hospital**. Could all patients please **wear suitable clothing (you will need to quickly be able to expose both shoulders)**.

Multiple patients from the same household will be asked to queue together but may be seen by different vaccinators.

Please do not arrive early for your appointment. The department is busy and, due to health and safety law, if you arrive early for your appointment, you may be turned away and asked to return at the correct time.

Due to the volume of patients, we will be handling, we will not be able to deal with any queries during the clinics and so please telephone us beforehand if you have a concern.

Thereafter, if we have sufficient supplies of vaccine, we will operate small clinics at The Green House Surgery.

Who will be given a Covid booster and when?

Eligible patients who had their second dose of Covid vaccine **at least three months ago**, can be given a Covid vaccine **at the same time** as the flu vaccine. If you are not yet due your Covid vaccine, we will contact you again when it is due.

If you are generally unwell or have any symptoms of Coronavirus or other infectious disease, you should not attend the clinic. Please contact us to cancel and reappoint (T: Automated service 01642 424622)