

**WE ARE ANTICIPATING VERY HIGH DEMAND THIS YEAR SO WE SUGGEST THAT YOU BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE A FINITE NUMBER OF VACCINES AT PRESENT.**

* **Flu clinics will commence from Saturday 19th September 2020**
* This year social distancing will have to be factored into our flu clinics
* Clinics will be held in the practice car park
* There will be a one way flow of patients in operation.
* Please keep 2 metres apart whilst waiting your turn
* Wear light clothes that will allow for easy exposure of your arm.
* Appointments will be at 5 minute intervals
* We ask patients to come no earlier and no later than the time given so that we can deliver a safe service whilst socially distancing.

**How to book**

If you are eligible:

**Please telephone Reception any week day from 24th August onwards to book your flu vaccination**

**Tel: 0208 573 5856**

**If you can, please telephone after 11am when the phone lines are usually less busy.**

**Who should get the flu vaccine?**

This year the flu vaccine is being offered on the NHS to:

* adults 65 and over (including anyone who will be 65 by the 31st March 2021)
* people with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk groups from 6 months of age)
* pregnant women
* CARERS - including people living with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list)
* children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2020
* children in primary school (note: these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
* children in year 7 (secondary school) (note: these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
* frontline health or social care workers

**I am aged 50-64, am I also now eligible?**

* Later in the year, the flu vaccine is expected to be able to be given to people aged 50 to 64.
* More information will be available to the 50-64 ‘newly eligible’ patients later in the autumn and until then Flu appointments are only being opened up to be booked by those patients who were already eligible. We have to prioritise vaccine stock for the most vulnerable patients first.
* If you're aged 50 to 64 but also in another at-risk group, you should book for your flu vaccine and not wait (bookings start from 1st September).
* If you’re aged 50 to 64 and were not already in an at risk group, please ensure the practice has a correct mobile number for you, as details will be sent by text about the availability of additional vaccines later in the season.

Patients under 65 on the High Risk Registers will be invited as soon as we have delivery of the appropriate vaccines.

**How to decline:**

* If you already know that you don’t want a flu vaccine at all please call to tell us. You could also email to decline if that’s easier so that your vaccine can be offered to someone else who needs it: This year more than ever, this is very important as vaccines supplies are expected to be in extremely high demand.