

## FLU VACCINATIONS 2021/2022



If you are eligible for a flu jab you will be sent an SMS or Email \* from the surgery to let you know.

(\*or telephone call if no email or mobile number recorded)

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME REGARDING THE COVID-19 BOOSTERS**

**WE WILL UPDATE YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION TO SHARE. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT ON THE PRACTICE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**THE FLU VACCINES DO NOT CONTAIN COVID-19**

**At Risk Groups this year include:**

- **Everyone aged 50 and over**
- *Everyone under 50 years of age who has a medical condition (see below), including children and babies over six months of age*
- **All pregnant women, at any stage of pregnancy**
- All two- and three- year-old children (provided they were aged two or three years old on 31 August of the current flu season)
- **All children in primary school (these will be given at school)**
- All Year 7 secondary school-aged children (these will be given at school)
- **Everyone living in a residential or nursing home**
- Everyone who cares for an older or disabled person (if you are not registered as a Carer please let us know)
- **Household contacts of anyone on the NHS Shielded Patient List**
- All frontline health and social care workers (work ID will be required at time of vaccination and you'll need to contact us to book an appointment)

**Health Conditions included:**

- Heart problems
- **Chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma**
- Kidney disease
- **Lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as steroid medication or cancer treatment)**
- Liver disease
- **Had a stroke or a transient ischaemic attack (TIA)**
- Diabetes
- **Neurological condition, eg multiple sclerosis (MS), cerebral palsy**

***learning disability***

- Problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed
- ***Seriously overweight (BMI of 40 and above)***

**PLEASE NOTE FLU VACCINES ARE DELIVERED TO US THROUGHOUT THE FLU SEASON. PATIENTS ARE IN ELIGIBILITY COHORTS AND WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN WE HAVE YOUR VACCINE IN STOCK**

**PLEASE BE AWARE FLU SEASON RUNS FROM WHEN THE VACCINES ARRIVE UNTIL THE END JANUARY 2022**

**We will be contacting you if you are eligible, you will then receive an SMS with a **TIME SLOT** for you to attend the surgery**

**Due to Covid-19 we are still limiting the number of patients attending the surgery at one time**

**Please don't contact the surgery**

**We **WILL** contact you in due course**

**IF YOU UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TIME SLOT YOU ARE SENT PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY**

**HOWEVER PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND YOUR INITIAL ALOCATED TIME SLOT IN ORDER TO HELP MAKE SURE WE CAN VACCINATE AS MANY PATIENTS AS POSSIBLE**

****PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US****

**THIS YEAR DUE TO CONTUING PANDEMIC GETTING PATIENTS VACCINATED IS GOING TO BE CHALLENGING AND TAKE LONGER THAN PREVIOUS YEARS**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

**WE WILL BE CLOSING EACH SITE FOR SEVERAL SESSIONS DURING THE FLU SEASON IN ORDER TO RUN THE FLU CLINICS SAFELY**

**YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ENTER THROUGH ONE DOOR AND YOU WILL LEAVE VIA ANOTHER EXIT TO SUPPORT SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**ALL FLU CLINICS WILL HAVE MARSHALLS TO DIRECT PATIENTS AND ENSURE EVERYONE IS KEPT SAFE**