

Flu/RSV & Covid Vaccination 2024 Update

We will be providing flu and RSV vaccinations only this year and will be sending out invitations to those patients eligible to receive them. Please read the following for more information.

The NHS has asked all providers - GP practices and Pharmacies **not to give flu vaccinations until after 3rd Oct.** This is because flu circulates later in the year and they want the “at risk” population to have the most immunity at the right time.

The exception to this is young children and pregnant patients.

Pregnant patients can have Flu vaccination from 9th September.

Am I eligible for a FLU Vaccination

- **Any child at school from Reception to Year 7, will be vaccinated at school.**
- **Any child aged 2 & 3yrs on 31.8.24 (DOB 1.9.20-31.8.22)**
- **Eligible school aged children (Reception to Year 11)**
- **+ children in an at risk group aged 2-17 on the day it is given**
- **Patients aged 18yrs – 64 years in an at risk group**
- **Any patient 65yrs + as at 31.3.25 DOB before 1.4.60**
- **Any patient aged 18yrs to 64yrs in one of the following at “Risk groups” below:**

Clinical Risk Groups

Asthma – if have had the flu vaccine before

COPD

Heart, kidney & liver disease

Neurological disease i.e. stroke, TIA, cerebral palsy, severe learning disability, Down’s, MS, dementia, Parkinson’s, motor neurone disease & related conditions

Diabetes

Immunosuppression & household contacts

No spleen

Obesity = BMI 40+

Pregnant women

Carers

Housebound patients

We will arrange to visit housebound registered patients to administer their Flu and RSV vaccinations. These patients will be contacted by the Practice to arrange appointments.

RSV Vaccination commencing in September

There is a new winter vaccine this year called **RSV** = respiratory syncytial virus. This virus is for two groups of patients only and is a single dose.

Pregnant Patients

It is given from 28 weeks of pregnancy up until birth

Single dose in each pregnancy to give protection to each baby

For older adults

Those turning 75yrs on or after 1.9.24

There will be a catch-up programme for those already 75-79 on 1.9.24

It is a single dose vaccination.

Covid

The Practice will not be giving any covid vaccinations this year. Please do not contact the Practice regarding covid vaccination, please follow this link for more information: [Getting a COVID-19 vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcareprofessionals/immunisation/immunisation-19/covid-19-vaccine)