



Flu Communication 2020

Following on from the government's announcement recently to extend the flu vaccination programme this year due to Covid19 - we would like to inform you of some changes to this year's invite process.

We are expecting our initial delivery of vaccines in Mid-September and this year our clinics will run slightly differently in view of Covid19.

Around half of our Practice population are now eligible for a vaccination but as per the government guidance we will be prioritising our most clinically vulnerable first. This will be by invitation letter only which will include appointment booking instruction. This year we need to manage numbers of patients attending the Practice at the same time and ensure we keep you and our staff as safe as possible.

These are just some of the extra precautions we are taking this year:-

- You will be asked to keep 1m from other patients in the queue. There will be a one-way system in place at all times.
- We will have a larger number of our team undertaking vaccinations to ensure that patients are seen with minimal waiting time.
- Care Co-Ordinators will be on hand to help guide you through the surgery safely and to ensure you arrive at the relevant clinic for your vaccination.
- Appointments will be spaced further apart to avoid large crowds of people gathering.
- Staff will have adequate supplies of PPE, hand gel and cleaning materials to ensure infection control is maintained.
- Please wear a face covering and use the supplied hand gel upon arrival.
- Please arrive on time for your appointment, this includes not arriving too early as this could cause a higher risk of a large group waiting which we want to avoid.

We are awaiting confirmation from the government around supplies of vaccines for the additional patients who are now eligible (those aged 50-64, with no health condition, that would not normally qualify for a vaccination). Until we have completed Phase 1 of the Flu vaccination programme to our most vulnerable patients which should be completed by Mid-October we cannot begin vaccinating this new group of newly eligible patients. Once we have secured additional stock of vaccines from the Government we will notify you of when these become available.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this year's Flu vaccination programme runs smoothly.