Flu Campaign 2020/21

Website / Facebook update

Village Surgery patients can start booking into our Flu Clinics from September 2020 onwards. As previously advised we will not be sending out letters to our patients this year and patients are required to contact the surgery and book an appointment through the reception team.

Please see the following Clinic information -

Patients - Over 65 years old cohort

Saturday 10th October 2020 & Sunday 11th October 2020

Patients - At Risk cohort

Saturday 21st November 2020 & Sunday 22nd November 2020

Priority Patients –

The Government has given NHS providers specific instructions that priority should be on the following patient groups; therefore we have followed this instruction as per the Government and NHS England advice.

* Shielding patients *– Clinics have been scheduled for this patient cohort – Over 65 30/09/20 & At risk 07/10/20. Patients will be contacted by Village Surgery and offered an appointment.*
* Housebound patients *– will be scheduled starting WC 28/09/20, Village Surgery Nursing Team will be completing this.*
* Patients in care homes *– DHU to administer vaccines.*

Child Flu Clinics

Ages 2-3 – Clinics have been scheduled week beginning 09/09/2020 at Village Surgery.

At Risk Ages 5-17 – Awaiting vaccination availability.

\*\*\*All clinics have been arranged and agreed in line with availability and when we receive vaccinations at Village Surgery\*\*\*

Once the receptionist has checked your eligibility you will be booked in to the next available appointment slot.

Guidelines for attending the surgery for Flu Campaign 2020/21

**VILLAGE SURGERY CANNOT DEFER FROM ITS PLANNING DUE TO COVID – 19 RESTRICTIONS.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY **COVID 19 SYMPTOMS** PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT PLEASE **DO NOT** ATTEND THE SURGERY DURING THIS TIME. PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY AND THE RECEPTION TEAM WILL RE-BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT.

* Due to COVID – 19 restrictions Village Surgery will be actively using social distancing guidance during all clinics.
* Patients may be asked to queue / wait outside the building until they are to be seen by a clinician.
* Please ensure that you have the correct attire for all Weather Conditions (Rain coat / Umbrella / etc)
* Face coverings are to be worn when inside the building at all times.
* Hand sanitiser is to be used on entry and exit of the building.
* All staff will be wearing appropriate PPE depending on their role.
* Entry to the clinic will be through the main entrance
* Exiting the clinic will be through the back fire exit, a staff member will be there to guide patients.
* Staff will be available during all clinics to offer guidance and support.
* If you do not have an appointment you will be asked to contact the Surgery the next working day to check eligibility and arrange an appointment.
* If you arrive late for your appointment you will be asked to contact the Surgery the next working day to rebook your appointment.
* If you are attending the surgery with family members all patients must be eligible for vaccination and have an appointment booked to be seen.

\*\*\*These guidelines have been put in place to ensure that all of our patients and staff are kept safe and well during the current COVID – 19 pandemic\*\*\*

Additional Information

Waiting times for the clinics.

Please be advised that we requested the vaccinations in March 2020 and unfortunately due to the worldwide pandemic delivery of the vaccinations to site have been delayed slightly. Please be advised this is a national issue and we are receiving the vaccinations at the earliest opportunity.

Unable to attend clinic dates.

Please be advised that if we have any availability and vaccinations after the clinics are completed we will be scheduling patients in to additional dates. This is dependent on availability of vaccinations.

Vaccinating over 50s and shielding patient’s household members

The Government released this guidance after orders for vaccinations were placed (March 2020) and General Practice were advised to order additional vaccination to cover this request, however, when this was requested availability for vaccinations and additional ordering was unavailable therefore we have been unable to request any additional vaccinations.

The Government have now advised that this patient group may receive vaccinations, if they become available, after the current Flu campaign is completed.