

Flu Vaccination Clinics - 2020

Due to the COVID pandemic we have had to alter our flu clinic process as follows:

Booking appointments

- We no longer have an appointment card collection system for our flu clinics. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination please **phone the surgery on 01590 622272/ 682617 to book an appointment.** If possible please call between the hours of 10am and 4.30pm.
- Please make careful note of your appointment time and location.

Attending the clinic

- We ask that you arrive for your appointment as close to your appointment time as possible to aid social distancing.
- Please walk to the surgery to attend your appointment if you can – you will not be able to park in the surgery car park.
- All patients must wear a face covering.
- Patients will enter the building through a sign-posted side/rear entrance and exit via the front door. Your temperature will be checked on entry. Vaccinations will be administered in the waiting room area – a member of our reception team will direct you to a clinician.
- While waiting to enter the building please observe social distancing rules.

Do not attend the flu clinic if you have not booked an appointment. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

More dedicated clinics

Because we cannot permit the same volume of people attending our clinics as previous years we have created more dedicated flu clinics this year. The following dates have been confirmed:

Brockenhurst Clinics

Saturday 19th September between 9am and 1pm
Thursday 24th September between 9am and 6pm
Thursday 8th October between 9am and 6pm

Sway Clinics

Saturday 26th September between 9am and 1pm
Wednesday 30th September between 9am and 6pm
Wednesday 14th October between 9am and 6pm

Please note that these clinics are for eligible patients aged 18 years and older.

Under 18s

Please keep an eye on our website and social media for details of flu clinics for patients under the age of 18.

Eligibility

Please note that we are currently only offering the vaccination to patients who are either:

- 65 years or older
- Under 65 **in clinical risk group***

The new cohort eligible this year is healthy patients aged 50 to 64. As this decision was only recently made as a result of the COVID pandemic, provision for this cohort is being arranged centrally. Surgeries have to order their flu vaccination stock a year in advance; as such the practice does not currently have sufficient stock to vaccinate this new cohort. We expect further supplies to become available in November/December.

***Clinic Risk Groups**

- **Chronic Respiratory Disease** (e.g. severe asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis)
- **Chronic Heart Disease** (e.g. heart failure)
- **Chronic Kidney Disease** (e.g. at stage 3, 4 or 5)
- **Chronic Liver Disease**
- **Chronic Neurological Disease** (e.g. Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or learning disability)
- **Diabetes**
- **Asplenia or Splenic Dysfunction**
- **A weakened immune system due to disease**, such as HIV/AIDS, Cancer treatment.
- **Morbidly obese adults** (aged from 16 years) with a BMI of more than 40kg/m
- **Pregnant women** (including those women who become pregnant during the flu season)
- Patients in **long stay residential care homes** or **other long stay care facilities**
- Patients in receipt of a **carer's allowance** or who are the **main carer** of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- **Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals**, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation on most days over the winter and therefore for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable