

## Flu Vaccinations 2020

To ensure the safety of all of our staff and patients, we shall be managing our flu clinics a little differently this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. This year the government have announced that more people will be eligible for the flu vaccination, including household contacts of previously shielded patients, Year 7 school children (aged 11 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) and health and social care workers. The aim is to expand the programme further to people who are 50-64 in November and December and will be phased in to allow us to prioritise those in 'at risk groups'; more guidance is to follow on this age group. Eligible primary school children and year 7 pupils will be offered the vaccine through their school and not at the surgery. However, if your child is aged 2 to 3 years old (born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/18), they will receive their vaccine at the surgery and we will contact you when these are available to us.

Devon Square Surgery will be holding a number of clinics throughout the autumn and we will initially start vaccinating the over 65s, with our first confirmed clinics on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at St Paul's Church Hall. This year the clinics are **appointment only and not a drop in service** as they have been in the past. Due to the delivery schedule of our vaccine for at risk patients under the age of 65, means that our first clinic will not be until the 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will be notifying our patients via text message (please ensure we have an up-to-date mobile number), through our social media and our website and signage outside the surgery. We will be telephoning our most vulnerable patients to arrange appointments, but please do not contact us for an appointment until you have received some form of notification from us.

If you have any queries regarding the flu vaccination, please go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or [www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine](http://www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine)

### Guidance when attending for your vaccination

When attending your flu vaccination it is very important that you follow all the guidance below to keep everyone as safe as possible:

- Please wear a face covering and sanitise your hands with the hand gel provided
- Please wear **loose clothing** suitable to allow quick and easy access to your upper arm for vaccination
- For the purposes of social distancing, please arrive at the time of your appointment, otherwise we will ask you to wait outside until it is your turn.
- We will take your temperature when you arrive at the front door. If your temperature is 37.8c or over, or you have a continuous cough, or loss of smell or taste, we will ask you to return home without being vaccinated. You will be asked to visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19) or call 111 to find out what you should do
- Once you have received your flu vaccination, you will be directed through a one way system out of the building, sanitising your hands as you leave.

- If you are unwell on the day of your appointment, please do not attend. It would help if you would contact us a few days after to make an appointment for the next available clinic
- Please go to the toilet before you leave home as the toilets are the surgery and at St Paul's Church hall will be locked. This is due to infection control if you are asymptomatic.

For more up-to-date information regarding our flu vaccination programme, please visit:

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