



### **Flu campaign 20/21 (50-64y cohort) – Information for patients**

This year, many more patients will be eligible for a free NHS influenza vaccine. We will vaccinate patients in order of priority, based upon clinical need.

Patients aged 50-64 years are being invited to attend flu clinics in late November/December 2020.

#### **Eligible patients**

Please click on the link for details of who is eligible for a flu vaccination.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/>

If you are unsure if you are eligible, please contact the surgery. The medical records of all eligible patients are clearly flagged and we can see at a glance.

#### **How will we invite eligible patients?**

Patients will be invited by text message, email or a telephone call. In exceptional cases, where a patient has specific special needs, we will send a letter of invitation.

#### **When will the clinics be held?**

We aim to vaccinate patients swiftly and so we are offering multiple clinics over a variety of weekdays and in our extended hours on Tuesday evenings (6.30-8pm). These appointments are available to book online via Systmonline or the NHS app. If you do not have access to these services, you can telephone our reception on 01642 475157.

**Please do not arrive early for your appointment.** Due to social distancing constraints and to ensure the safety of all patients and staff, if you arrive early for your appointment, you will be turned away and asked to return at the correct time.

Due to the volume of patients we will be handling, we will not be able to deal with any queries during the clinics and so please telephone us beforehand if you have a concern.

For all patients in this cohort, it is likely to be their first flu vaccine and so you will be asked to take a seat for two minutes, so that we can monitor you for any adverse reaction to the vaccine.

#### **Vaccine data sheets**

Further information about the vaccine we are using and any adverse effects is available on our website:

<https://thegreenhousesurgery.co.uk/info.aspx?p=19>

**If you are generally unwell or have any symptoms of Coronavirus (a persistent cough, loss of taste or sense of smell and/or fever) you should not attend the clinic. Please contact us to cancel and reappoint.**