



Flu campaign 20/21 – 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.

Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will **not** be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.

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.

Where and when will the clinics be held?

We aim to vaccinate large numbers of patients as early in the flu season as possible. We also need to ensure your safety (social distancing etc). It is not possible to do this in our usual surgery premises and so we will operate flu clinics on **Saturday 10/10/20 and 17/10/20** from the **Outpatient department, on the ground floor of Redcar Primary Care Hospital**. Could all patients **please wear a face covering and ensure they wear suitable clothing (you will need to quickly be able to expose your entire shoulder)**.

Multiple patients from the same household will be asked to queue together but due to social distancing, may be seen by different vaccinators.

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.

Thereafter, if we have sufficient supplies of vaccine, we will operate small clinics at The Green House Surgery.

If this is your first vaccine, you will be asked to take a seat for two minutes, so that we can monitor you for any adverse reaction to the vaccine.

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.