

Holt Medical Practice

Autumn 2023

Flu & COVID Vaccinations

This Autumn, Holt Surgery will be providing FREE Flu AND Covid vaccinations for eligible patients in a range of clinics. Some patients may be eligible for both vaccines but may not be able to have both at clinics at Holt Surgery - so please read the below carefully.

We **WILL** be offering Covid vaccines to:

- ALL adults aged 65 years and over
- Persons aged 18 to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as laid out in the [Immunisation Green Book](#),
- Persons aged 18 to 64 years who are household contacts (as defined in the Green Book) of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 18 to 64 years who are carers (as defined in the Green Book)

(We will NOT be able to offer Covid vaccines to any eligible under 18yr olds. These patients will need to book to have their Covid vaccine via the National Booking System).

We **WILL** be offering Flu vaccines to:

- ALL patients who are 65yrs and over
- Patients 18 – 64yrs old who are clinically “at risk”
- Pregnant women
- Carers who are 18 years and over
- Household contacts who are over 18years old of Immunosuppressed patients
- Children aged 2-3 and under 18s who are clinically “at risk”

JOINT COVID & FLU CLINICS

Patients 65yrs and over AND 18 – 64yr olds who are clinically at risk - In line with this year’s Government and Jvci guidance, patients in these cohorts will be invited to Holt Surgery to attend joint Covid and Flu vaccination clinics, where we will give one vaccine in each arm. These clinics will be held on:

- **Tuesday 26th September (PM)**
- **Saturday 30th September (AM)**
- **Saturday 7th & 21st October (AM)**
- **Tuesday 10ths, 17th October (PM)**

These clinics will be filled from the earliest clinics first and opened up in line with patient demand.

Co-administration of both vaccines is a safe and efficient method of vaccination. Patients can attend these clinics and decline to have one or the other of the vaccines, however, we would encourage patients to have both vaccines as we will not be holding separate catch-up clinics at a later date.

Care Home and Housebound Patients - The Surgery will ensure that all care home patients are offered both flu and covid vaccinations from 2nd October and housebound patients are offered both the Flu and Covid vaccinations from the end of October. We will contact both of these Patient groups directly to book.

ALL 2 – 3yr olds AND 4 - 17yr old at-risk children will be invited to have their Flu vaccine in special children’s clinics at the Surgery. We will contact you about these flu clinics shortly. The Surgery will NOT be offering Covid boosters to under 18’s. Eligible children will need to book to have their Covid booster via the National Booking System.

SHINGLES & PNEUMONIA

Details of eligibility are on our website. We will invite eligible patients to have their shingles or pneumonia vaccine directly. It will not be given at the same time as the Flu and Covid vaccine.

ELIGIBILITY

Flu eligibility

For full details of this year's flu eligibility please see:

- The NHS website : <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>
- The Green Book: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19>

Covid eligibility

For full details of this season's Covid eligibility please see the green book guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>

BOOKING AND CLINICS @ HOLT

- **By Phone** – our **Vaccination Booking Line** will open from **18th September**, Mon-Fri, 2pm – 5pm. Patients can call the main Holt Surgery number (01263 712461) and select **Option 8**.
- **Via a text message (from the Surgery)** – eligible patients who have registered their mobile number with us will receive a text message with a link allowing them to book directly into one of our clinics from the 11th September.
- **Appointment Times** – will be individual and staggered to ensure a steady flow.
- **Parking** – there will be marshals outside the Surgery to show you where to park and there will be reserved disabled parking close to the entrance.
- **Dress** – patients need to make sure they wear appropriate clothing to allow both upper arms to be easily accessed.