

Holt Medical Practice Autumn 2022 Flu & COVID Vaccinations

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This Autumn, Holt Surgery will be providing FREE Flu AND Covid vaccinations for eligible patients in a range of clinics. Full details of eligibility and more detailed information can be found on the Holt Surgery website at www.holt-practice.nhs.uk. 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.

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:

- Saturday 8th, 15th & 29th October (AM)
- Wednesday 12th & 19th October (PM)
- Wednesday 2nd & 9th November (PM)
- Saturday 5th November (AM)

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 and housebound patients are offered both the Flu and Covid vaccinations in early October.

FLU ONLY CLINICS

Healthy 50 – 64yr olds – patients in this cohort are eligible for both vaccines **BUT the Surgery will only be offering the Flu vaccination to this age-group.**

We will contact you about booking your flu jab shortly once the Government has confirmed supply dates. Patients in this cohort wishing to have a Covid booster are able to book to have this locally, via the National Booking System.

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.

BOOKING

- **Via a text message (from the Surgery)** – 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.
- **By Phone – our Vaccination Booking Line** will open from 1st September, Mon-Fri, 1pm – 5pm. Patients can call the main Holt Surgery number **(01263 712461)** and select Option 8.
- **Appointment Times** – will be individual and staggered to ensure a steady flow.

SHINGLES & PNEUMONIA

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