

Seasonal Flu Vaccinations Procedure 2020

As you are probably aware, this year will be a very challenging year for delivering the seasonal flu vaccinations. Those patients eligible for the seasonal flu vaccine are as below:

- All over 65s
- Anyone under 65 who has a long term health condition; chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma (that requires an inhaled or tablet steroid treatment, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis, chronic heart disease, such as heart failure, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis, chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), or cerebral palsy, a learning disability, diabetes, problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed, a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy & those who are seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above).

Those patients Aged between 50-64 and who are not in any of the above 'at risk' groups are expected to be identified as an eligible cohort and invited at a later date. We do not expect this to be until November at the earliest.

All appointments must be booked via Reception. We shall be running clinics on Saturdays at Ramsbury Surgery starting towards the end of September for those aged Over 65 and in October will be able to include those aged Under 65 who fall within any of the 'At Risk' groups. All clinics will be held on the Lower Ground Floor in our large open room to ensure social distancing. Please be aware that you will not be in the room on your own. **Please do not enter the Surgery via the main entrance doors, you will be directed to enter the Lower Ground Floor at the rear of the Surgery where we will be operating a one way system.**

When attending for an appointment please follow the below instructions:

- Attend on your own unless you need help in mobilising
- Do not arrive early or late for your appointment time; we have allocated a strict number of patients per period to ensure that people are queueing for the minimum of time and social distancing is maintained
- Please wear a face covering
- Your temperature will be taken on arrival
- Please do not touch anything when in the Surgery
- Please use the hand sanitiser on entry
- Please follow the instructions for queuing
- If it is raining on the day, please come prepared with an umbrella as the queue may extend outside
- There will be no chairs available to sit while waiting, and you will not be able to sit whilst having the vaccination (for infection control during Covid)
- Wear clothing which makes it easy to expose your upper arm as on entering the Surgery you will be required to prepare your arm for your vaccination
- Do not attend if you or any members of your household have symptoms of Coronavirus, or if you have been told to isolate.
- Please heed the instructions of the staff who are supervising the patient flow – they are there for your safety.

If you cannot attend the appointment time you have been given, please call us as soon as possible so we can rebook your appointment. This may mean we cannot vaccinate you until later in the season.