

# **Annual Flu vaccination programme 2021**

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect patients against influenza.

Attendance at any Clinic is by prior appointment only.

Clinics for the over 65s are running on Saturdays from 9th October 2021 (See below for information on other cohorts)

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU MUST READ BEFORE ATTENDING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT:-**

**Appointments are every 2 minutes, therefore the surgery will be extremely busy on vaccination days.**

Do not attend if you feel unwell, have a temperature, cough or cold – you will not be vaccinated.

**The car park will be open but there are a very limited number of parking spaces so wherever possible please park in Sawyers Hall Lane Pay & Display or in a Town Centre car park.**

**You should also wear suitable clothing so that the top of your arm can be accessed by a clinician easily, either wear short sleeves or no sleeves or have long sleeves which are loose and can be rolled up high.**

To maintain social distancing do not arrive early for your appointment as you will not be seen before your appointment time.

Do not bring additional bags or shopping into the surgery.

Only the person being vaccinated will be allowed entry to the surgery unless the patient needs to be accompanied by their carer.

No toilet facilities will be available on site.

You will be asked to wear a face mask for the duration of the time you are on Surgery Premises.

**There will be a member of staff on the doors to control the number of people inside the building at any one time.**

You should queue to the right of the main surgery door, there will be strict control of the number of patients entering the building at any one time and therefore do ensure that you are dressed appropriately for the weather as you may need to wait outside.

You will be directed to one of the Reception desks and be asked your name, or directed to the self-check in screen.

You should remove your coat and have your upper arm ready for vaccinating.

You will be called to a vaccination room, when one is free.

The clinician will confirm your name and date of birth, ask you relevant health questions and then vaccinate you if they feel it is appropriate. There will be a member of our administration staff present to record your vaccination.  
you will then exit the building back through the main entrance.

#### **PPE**

Appropriate PPE will be worn by our clinicians & non-clinical staff in accordance with the latest Public Health England guidance, gloves will not be worn however between each patient clinical staff will be using hand sanitising gel and after every 5<sup>th</sup> patient they will wash their hands with soap and water, ( this is best practice as advised by Public Health England)

Should you have any questions regarding this vaccination then you are welcome to discuss this matter with a member of our nursing staff.

### **TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT**

#### **If you are an adult 65 years and over**

**You are able to book your Flu vaccinations as follows:**

**Our preferred option is for you to book on-line -**

[Book appointment](#)

**or via the NHSApp,**

**or via SystmOnline App**

**or via myGP App**

**or contact the surgery on 01277 227711 choosing option 1 after 10am. (Please be aware that the phone lines are very busy at all times and therefore on-line booking is the preferred option**

#### **If you are in an at risk group aged 18-64 years**

**You will be advised when these clinics are running via a text message or by watching this site.**

**HOUSEBOUND PATIENTS:** If you are a known housebound patient, we will contact you to arrange for the District Nurses to come to your home to administer your vaccination. However, if you are housebound and have not received a call from us by the 13<sup>th</sup> October please contact the surgery.

The District Nurses will only attend if you are unable to leave the house, if there is evidence that in the recent past you have attended the surgery for your appointments, the District Nurses will be unable to administer your vaccination. If you are out when they call they will not be able to call back. The District Nurses are unable to give exact time/date when they will visit.

**DECLINE FLU VACS:** If you do not wish to have the vaccination this year, please **Email** your name and DOB to [tilehouse.flu@nhs.net](mailto:tilehouse.flu@nhs.net) and put the word DECLINE in the subject heading.