**Autumn 2024 Covid & Flu Vaccinations**

This Autumn, we will be offering eligible patients the opportunity to have their Covid and Flu vaccination in the same appointment. You also have the option of having your vaccinations separately, if this is what you prefer.

**What if I only want the flu vaccination**

We will send out a text invitation message to eligible patients towards the end of **August**. This first message will give you more information and allow those patients who only want the flu vaccine, the option to book an appointment.

**What if I want both the Covid & Flu vaccinations but separately**

We will send out a text invitation message to eligible patients towards the end of **August**. This message will contain a link to allow you to book your vaccinations separately.

**What if I want the Covid & Flu vaccination together**

We will send a text invitation message to all eligible patients at the start of **September**. The clinic appointments will begin at the start of **October**.

**What if I change my mind**

If you change your mind and only want one vaccination, please turn up for your appointment and let the clinician know your choice.

If you decide not to have any vaccinations, please cancel your appointment using the link in your text message so we can offer this to someone else.

**Where can I have my Covid & Flu vaccination**

You can choose to have your Covid & Flu vaccination at any of the practices in our primary care network. This means you can choose from any of the following locations:

* Downend Health Group
* The Orchard Medical Centre
* Leap Valley Surgery
* Emersons Green Medical Centre
* Three Shires Medical Practice

Appointments will be available throughout the week and at weekends, meaning you can choose a time suitable for you.

**What if I don’t have a mobile phone**

Please be assured that we have your details and will contact all eligible patients who have not registered a mobile phone with us.

**I am a housebound patient**

One of our team members will make contact to advise you of the day we will come out and visit.

**How do I know if I am eligible for the Flu vaccine**

From **1 September 2024**, the flu vaccine will be available to the following eligible patient groups:

* pregnant women
* all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2024
* primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
* secondary school aged children (from Year 7 to Year 11)
* all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6 months to less than 18 years

From **October 2024,** the flu vaccine will be available to the following eligible patient groups:

* those aged 65 years and over
* those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the [Green Book, Influenza Chapter 19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19))
* those in long-stay residential care homes
* carers in receipt of carer’s allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
* close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
* frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants

**How do I know if I am eligible for the Covid vaccine**

From **October 2024**, the Covid vaccine will be available to the following eligible patient groups:

* adults aged 65 years and over
* residents in a care home for older adults
* individuals aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group ([as defined in tables 3 or 4 in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a))

**I think I am eligible but have not received an appointment invitation**

If you have not received an invitation within 5 working days of the first or second invite, please contact the practice reception team.

**Where can I find further information**

[Flu vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine/)

[Who’s eligible for the 2024 COVID-19 vaccine, or ‘Autumn Booster’? – UK Health Security Agency (blog.gov.uk)](https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/02/whos-eligible-for-the-2024-covid-19-vaccine-or-autumn-booster/)