

FLU CLINIC GUIDANCE

When will the Vaccine be available?

We received our first delivery last week and are expecting a second delivery in October. There is a good degree of local and national variation in when stocks are being delivered but our delivery dates are consistent with previous years.

How do I make an Appointment?

Given the current Pandemic situation we are now making clinics 'invite only'

There are several reasons for, principally, we are tasked by NHS England to prioritise who we vaccinate first. NHS England have published guidance on this which we are following. Given that demand will significantly exceed our vaccine supply this is the only way we can comply with the guidance.

Why can't you order more Vaccines?

We place our order for the Flu vaccine usually 9 months in advance (our order for this year's campaign was placed in November 19). Currently we are not able to order any additional vaccines.

How and when will I be invited?

All invites will be sent by text (if we have a mobile number for you) or by letter. We will attempt to contact you up to a maximum of 3 times.

We will synchronise invites with clinic dates.

Given the additional time we are allocating to each individual vaccination we do anticipate that we will need 3 times as many clinics than in previous years. This will mean that the campaign will take longer as we try and resource all our activities.

What has changed from previous years?

To ensure we can safely maintain social distancing and to remove any associated risks, all clinics will now be by invite only. We will adhere to the following principles for all clinics

Clinics

- 2m Distancing measures will be in place (Sites will be spatially marked out)
- One way systems will be in operation

Our Staff

- All staff will be in appropriate PPE
- Staff will be on hand to help
- We will ask all patients to sanitise their hands

Our Patients:

We do ask that you

- Wear a face covering,
- Come alone where possible
- Come on time
- Do not attend if you have symptoms.
- Make every effort to attend your appointment

Venue(s)

This year we are running the majority of our Clinics from

St Anne's Church Hall, Lynton Ave, Stafford ST17 0EA



The hall provides greater space for queuing indoors if the weather is poor and if the que does extend outdoors, the additional parking spaces offers patients have the opportunity to waiting in their cars.

We have reduced the numbers vaccinated per clinic by over 60% and do not anticipate ques, but we are prepared for them.

The site has been jointly risk assessed and registered with the Care Quality Commission. We will have access to your patient record on the site and all the emergency drugs that we may need. We have already run a 'pilot' clinic from the site and the feedback from patients has been excellent.

Weeping Cross Health Centre

We will run several weekend clinics from our Weeping Cross Site

Beaconside Health Centre

We will run several evening clinics from our Beaconside site

What Happens on the day?

On the day the entrance point to all general clinics will be staffed and patients will

- Have their temperature taken (if your temperature is outside accepted limits you will be asked to return home and follow recommended advice)
- You will be asked to sanitise their hands
- You will be asked to wear a face covering
- You will be informed of the process and 2m distancing markers
- You will be Informed of the exit point

I am aged 50-64 – how do I get a free vaccination?

NHS & Public Health have announced plans to further extend the vaccine programme in November and December to include the 50-64 year old age group subject to vaccine supply.

Please see the Statement below General Medical Advice and Support Team (GMAST) NHS England

*Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will **not** be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier. **General Medical Advice and Support Team (GMAST) NHS England & NHS Improvement – Midlands***