

# Flu Immunisation Programme 2021

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Below are details on how we will be running our annual flu campaign.

You may have seen the news that this year's flu vaccines have been delayed due to a shortage of HGV drivers. Because of this we have been forced to cancel our first clinic this Saturday. We have assurances over our coming deliveries and will now be running walk-in flu clinics on the following Saturdays between **09:00-12:30** and **13:00-16:30**

- **18th September** - All clinics are open to those aged 50 and above as well as anyone aged 18-49 who are at risk\*
- **25th September** - All clinics are open to those aged 50 and above as well as anyone aged 18-49 who are at risk\*
- **2nd October** - All clinics are open to those aged 50 and above as well as anyone aged 18-49 who are at risk\*

\* a list of eligible patients is at the bottom of this message.

Please take notice of the following information when attending your appointment:

- There is no need to book an appointment
- Where possible please do not drive to the clinic as we have limited capacity for parking
- If you do arrive by car, please do so by arriving through the Pavillions car park where you will be directed to parking and exit by the Babbage Road entrance.
- We will be operating a one-way system in and outside of the building with staff on site to direct you
- The busiest time of past clinics have been at the start of the morning session and the start of the afternoon session, so if possible be mindful of when you attend to avoid queues.
- As with all appointments if you develop COVID symptoms prior to your appointment please DO NOT attend the surgery

If you need help getting to the clinics, please contact Totnes Caring on 01803 865684 who may be able to help

This year the following people are eligible for a flu jab on the NHS:

- people aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2022)
- chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five
- chronic liver disease
- chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease
- learning disability
- diabetes
- splenic dysfunction or asplenia
- a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)
- morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 and above)
- all pregnant women
- those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List, or of immunocompromised individuals, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation with a shielded patient on most days over the winter and therefore for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable

Please note – this is separate to the booster Covid vaccination program, they will continue to be run at Follaton House – more information will be shared when we have it. Please keep an eye on Facebook and our website.