

Extension of Flu Vaccination Programme to 50-64 year olds

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If you are aged 50-64 and not in one of the at risk categories we are pleased to advise that you may now attend for a flu vaccination. We will be holding a Saturday walk-in clinic specifically for this group of patients, 50-64 year olds. Here is what you need to know:

When / How will patients be invited

Text messages or letters will be sent informing those patients who are eligible for a vaccination.

Eligibility

Patients aged 50 to 64 and who are not usually in an at-risk group.

Clinic location

We will be offering the flu service from Thornhills Medical Practice premises as normal but we will be operating a one way system, with social distanced queuing and zoned vaccinating from 2-3 vaccination stations.

Clinic date / times

The clinic will be walk-in (no need to book an appointment), however to ensure that we are able to manage footfall and maintain social distancing, **it is essential that arrival times are staggered and we ask patients NOT TO ALL ARRIVE AT THE START OF THE CLINIC.**

Patients may be asked to return at a later time if it is deemed necessary.

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday 12 th December 2020	8.30am to 12.00pm	12.30pm to 4pm

What will happen when I arrive?

It is vital that you **DO NOT** attend for vaccination if you or a member of your household currently has symptoms of COVID-19 or if you are self-isolating due to contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. Queues will be outside the building, there will be no waiting area inside. Please come prepared for the weather. When you arrive please follow the signs and join the queue. You will be directed to which vaccination station to go to. There will be a one-way system in place. If this is likely to be difficult for you please inform a member of staff when you arrive.

What do I need to do?

- Wear a face mask / covering when you attend
- Ensure you wash your hands before and after
- Attend alone unless you require a carer or the support of another
- Be prepared to answer questions about yourself such as: name, date of birth, address, any allergies
- Ensure your arm is ready for the vaccination

What do I do after I've had my vaccination?

Most patients can leave the site immediately; however, in some cases you may be asked to remain on the premises for a short while.

Additional clinics

We will continue to offer additional availability for all patients eligible for a free flu vaccine. Opportunistic flu vaccinations for eligible patients visiting the surgery for other appointments if appropriate will also be offered.