

FLU 2023 : Oakhill Medical Practice Flu Plan



This year we have to factor in social distancing into our flu vaccination schedule and so we are introducing new systems to keep everyone safe. There **will not** be any drop-in flu clinics but lots of other safe options, and all patients **MUST** pre-book an appointment slot in advance. **Everyone eligible needs to pre-book one of the following options from 1st September onwards:**



Children should book to attend an appointment at the surgery.

We shall keep a very limited number of flu appointments at the surgery which will be reserved for at-risk children.

- If your child is eligible to have a vaccination at school, but not otherwise in another at risk group, they should have their vaccine at school, **not** at the Doctors surgery.



Home visits are available - for medically housebound patients only.

We shall continue to offer essential home visits for very frail patients to have their flu vaccinations at home, these may be given by the district nurse or a Practice Nurse.

- Home visit slots are very limited and so are strictly reserved only for those who physically couldn't get into a car to attend an appointment with help from a friend, family or a taxi.

How to book:



If you are eligible:

- Please telephone Reception any weekday from 8th September onwards to book your flu vaccination.
- We will text message a link for you to book your own appointment when clinics are planned.

Or you can telephone after 10:30am to noon or between 2pm and 4pm when the phone lines are usually a little quieter.

If you are aged 50-64:

- If you **do not** have a long-term condition, you are **NOT** eligible this year as you had previously been.

Flu 2023: Frequently Asked Questions



When are the flu appointments available to be booked into?

Oakhill Medical Practice shall start to open up appointments for booking into a flu vaccine clinic from 8th September 2023 onwards.



When do the flu clinics start?

The pre-booked clinics will be scheduled to start early September, once stock delivery dates are confirmed.



Who should get the flu vaccine?

This year the flu vaccine is being offered on the NHS to:

- adults 65 and over (including anyone who will be 65 by the 31st March 2024)
- people with certain medical conditions (including children in at-risk groups from 6 months of age)
- pregnant women
- CARERS - including people living with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus.
- children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2023
- children in primary school (n.b. these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
- children in year 7 (secondary school) (n.b. these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
- frontline health or social care workers



I am aged 50-64, am I also now eligible?

- If you're aged 50 to 64 but also in another at-risk group, you should book for your flu vaccine and not wait (bookings start from early September).

However, unlike previous years where if you did not fit the criteria, you were still eligible to have the flu vaccination **you are now no-longer eligible unless you are in at risk group.**

We have to prioritise vaccine stock for the most vulnerable patients first.



I am almost 65, am I eligible now?

Yes. As with previous years, anyone who will be 65 years old by the 31st March 2024 will be entitled to receive a flu vaccine from the 65+ supply even before they physically turn 65.



Can I have my flu vaccine when I am coming up the surgery for another medical reason?

Yes, but only if you have an appointment and only if time allows on the day.

If an eligible patient is already coming to Oakhill Medical Practice for a face-to-face appointment with a Nurse or HCA a flu vaccine can potentially be given if time allows on the day.

This will only apply to appointments after the following dates:

- From September onwards for the over 65s
- From October onwards for the under 65s.