

# Flu | Shingles | COVID -19 Vaccination Update

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As we look ahead to the Autumn/Winter 2023, it's a good idea we all take the relevant vaccination precautions for Flu/Shingles/COVID-19. This latest update outlines the plans for the Flu, Shingles and COVID-19 vaccinations that will be taking place in the Autumn/winter period 2023.

## Flu Vaccinations

If you have a mobile phone number registered with us, we will be sending you an SMS with a unique link to book your vaccination appointment. Please do not phone us until you have been invited. Those without a registered mobile phone will be contacted at a later date.

### Who is entitled to Flu vaccinations this year?

Anyone 65+ or anyone with underlying health conditions that may make them more vulnerable (e.g. Diabetes, Heart Disease, Parkinson's, Learning Disability etc).

- Anyone aged over 65
- Carers
- Pregnant women

Any adult with following conditions:

- COPD
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney or liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease i.e motor neurone
- Parkinson's
- Learning disability
- Diabetes
- Weakened immune system due to chemotherapy or auto immune disorders
- BMI greater than 40.

### What about Childrens Flu vaccinations?

Children's Flu clinics will be available at a later date (once we have that information).

## Shingles

From 1st Sep 2023, those turning 65 and 70 will also be able to get the shingles vaccine after their birthday, in addition to those already aged 70-80. Patients will be contacted by their GP practice when they become eligible.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

We are supporting the local Autumn COVID-19 vaccination campaign and will have further details shortly. Please don't phone the surgery asking for an appointment as we won't be able to book you into anything just yet. We will be providing updates as soon as we are a position to provide them.

Please note: national vaccination campaigns require a significant amount of specialist logistics, so please do be patient with any vaccine supply delays.

We will try and vaccinate you as soon as we possibly can. Thank you for your understanding.

