

Our Ref. 2020/21 Flu
Campaign

Date 17th August 2020

Dear Patients,

2020/21 Flu Campaign

We are now opening our appointments for this year's flu campaign. Please read the information below to see if you are eligible for a flu vaccination and if so when we will be running a clinic suitable for you.

For patients categorised as "Shielded/High Risk" by NHS England or your GP, and household members.

We will be running clinics on Saturdays 19th & 26th September between 08:30am – 1pm. Please ring 01275 832285 after 11am Monday – Friday from Tuesday 18th August. If you prefer an early morning or evening appointment please ask the receptionist for more information. You will need to book an appointment for yourself and anyone living with you who are also registered with the Armada Practice.

For patients aged 65 years and over

We will be running clinics on Saturdays 10th & 17th October between 08:30 – 1pm. Please ring 01275 832285 after 11am Monday – Friday from Tuesday 8th September. If you prefer an early morning or evening appointment please ask the receptionist for more information.

For patients aged 64 years and under in a clinical at risk group (registered with a chronic disease or long term illness)

We will be running clinics on Saturdays 10th & 17th October between 08:30 – 1pm. Please ring 01275 832285 after 11am Monday – Friday from Tuesday 8th September. If you prefer an early morning or evening appointment please ask the receptionist for more information.

Pregnant women

Can book in to any clinic.

Children aged 2 – 3 years old

Appointments will be available from 7th September. Please ring 01275 832285 after 11am Monday – Friday from Tuesday 25th August.

All primary school children and school year 7 in secondary school

Will be vaccinated in school. I'm afraid that if your child misses the vaccination at school we will not be able to give it to them unless they are in the at risk group.

Home visits

We will be in touch with everyone registered with us as housebound by the end of September.

Care homes

Care home managers will be contacted individually by the Practice

Patients aged between 50 - 64 years who are not in the above mentioned groups

Vaccine not available until November/December – we will contact you with clinic dates once we receive further guidance from NHS England.

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic we anticipate that our flu campaign will be more challenging than in previous years. We will communicate to you via our website, face book page, newsletter, email and text as well as advertising outside the Health Centre. However, to ensure we reach as many of our patients as possible, especially vulnerable patients, please share this communication with your friends and neighbors.

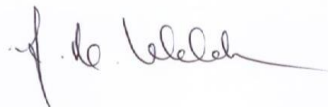
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE CALLS TO BOOK FLU APPOINTMENTS UNTIL AFTER 11am MONDAY – FRIDAY.

When attending the practice;

- Please wear a face covering
- Please try to ensure you are on time for your appointment, please do not come early as we need to manage the number of people in the health centre at any one time
- Please use the toilet before coming to the surgery
- If you have any symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 please do not come to your appointment – please call the practice to rearrange, Monday to Friday after 11am.

Can we also ask for your patience when ringing the Practice please, as we already receive approximately 2300 calls a week and the flu campaign is going to increase that number considerably.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



For and on behalf of the Armada Family Practice
Mrs Julie Welch
Managing Partner