



**BURWELL SURGERY
FLU IMMUNISATION**

Flu season is nearly here. The Doctors would like to invite you to have your flu vaccination at the surgery if you are eligible.

The Department of Health have reviewed the eligibility criteria this year for a FREE NHS flu vaccine, please check our website www.theburwellsurgery.co.uk for further guidance.

This year, our Saturday morning clinics will be by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. We have scheduled in additional Saturday clinics to accommodate this. More clinics will be added as and when required.

All flu clinics will be held at the Surgery, appointments from 9.00 am – 12.15 pm.

OVER 65s ONLY: Saturday, 12 th September
OVER 65s ONLY: Saturday, 19 th September
*ALL ELIGIBLE GROUPS: Saturday, 10 th October
*ALL ELIGIBLE GROUPS: Saturday 24 th October
More dates will be added as and when required
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We are providing children's flu immunisation again this year, which is administered via a nasal spray. Public Health England guidelines for eligible children are as follows:

Children in clinical risk groups detailed above aged 6 months up to 2 years old
All children aged 2 and 3 years old on 31 st August 2020
Children in clinical risk groups detailed above up to the age of 17 years old
Children not listed above will be offered the flu vaccine at School

Book your appointment today:

askmyGP or telephone and speak to one of our receptionists: 01638 741234

Burwell Surgery, August 2020

Flu 2020 Update

Please see below our plans for flu clinics this year. Due to Covid-19, we are unable to have any open clinics, as we have to manage the numbers of people in the surgery at any one time, ensure that patients are socially distanced and enable the extra cleaning requirements. If you are eligible for a FREE NHS Flu Vaccine, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/>

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Housebound patients – District Nurses will once again be responsible for vaccinating housebound patients. If you are housebound, please request a visit: via askmyGP or telephone: 01638 741234.

Healthy adults aged 50-64 years - You may have heard that the Government have announced that we will also be vaccinating this cohort of patients. We have received guidance from NHS England which reads as follows:

"Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will not be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first.

If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which are eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, please book your appointment for Saturday 10th or 24th October 2020.

Therefore, as and when vaccines are available for administering to 50-64 year old cohort we will advertise on our website and Facebook page.

Shielding patient's household members – this group is also eligible this year. We will write to our shielding patients to advise them that their household members are eligible and they will be advised to contact the GP Practice they are registered with to request a vaccine. **Please note, we are not able to vaccinate any non-patients and are not allowed to register them as a temporary resident for this purpose either.**

Year 7 School Children (Aged 11 as at 31/08/20) – the school programme is being extended to include this year group. The school are responsible for offering these vaccines and will implement a back-up plan should the schools have to close again.

Health and Social Care Workers and Carers – are all eligible to be vaccinated at the practice if registered here.

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