

FLU VACCINATION 2021/22

ADULTS

We have now received our flu vaccine and started inviting patients in for their flu vaccine. We understand that local pharmacies already have stock and patients can, of course, have their vaccine at a pharmacy if they are eligible.

We will be inviting patients to the surgery by eligible group starting with the most vulnerable, that is:

Patients aged between 18 and 64 (ie born between 01 April 1957 and 31 March 2004) **who have a long term health condition** [click here for details](#); and

Patients aged 65 years of age or over (born on or before 31 March 1957 ie 65 by 31 March 2022).

HOUSEBOUND PATIENTS

Any patients who are recorded on our system as **housebound**, will be contacted in due course by the Team at Brighton Racecourse run by HERE. HERE will contact housebound patients directly. There may be a delay in the start of the housebound vaccination programme, so any housebound patients who could be taken to the Surgery or a Pharmacy may want to consider this option to avoid delays.

As soon as we have more flu stock we will open up the clinics to the remaining eligible groups. In the meantime, local pharmacies, many of whom are running a walk in service, should be able to help you.

For more details about the flu vaccine, who should have it and why click the link below:

[The flu vaccine: who should have it and why – click here](#)

CHILDREN

All children aged 2 and 3 (ie born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2019) will receive their nasal flu vaccine at The Avenue Surgery. We have started vaccinating our 2s and 3s and will be setting up more clinics shortly. If your child falls within this age group please ring the Surgery to book an appointment. Our phone lines are very busy at the moment, so it is probably best to ring after 5pm.

All other children, including those children considered at risk, should have their flu vaccine at school where possible. This year the School Immunisation Service will be vaccinating all primary school aged children (Reception to Year 6) and all secondary school young people (Years 7 – 11).