

## Flu Vaccinations 2020

Thank you for your patience while we plan for the administration of the flu vaccine for this season. We are operating surgery under very different circumstances and will have to manage patient flow very carefully to maintain social distancing and infection control. Currently we are only able to supply vaccine to those in certain categories, and therefore ask that you only book an appointment if:

You have a child aged 2-3

You are over 65 (before 31 March 2021)

You are under 65 and in an at risk category – we will contact you by text / post if you are identified as a patient in this category

The dates we will operate clinics at Rectory Meadow are below. We have tried to provide daytime and evening appointments so that patients can choose the best time for them.

### Children (2-3 year olds – Fluenz nasal spray)

Thursday 8 October and 15 October

### Over 65s and at risk categories

Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays until end of October (except 21 October due to staff training)

For those patients aged between 50 and 64 and **not in an at-risk group**, the earliest you will be offered a flu vaccination is November, providing there is sufficient vaccine. No appointments will be offered for people in this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first as per NHSE guidance. You can seek the vaccine from private providers at your own cost.

If you are coming to Rectory Meadow for a Flu vaccine this year we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines so that we can keep everyone safe and socially distanced.

For dates please refer to the main web site. As new dates are made available they will appear [here](#).

You will be able to book flu appointments [online](#) if eligible. Please do not book an appointment if you are not eligible. More info on the eligibility criteria are available [here](#).

The sessions will operate inside surgery and all patients should arrive on time for their allocated slot. There will be very limited access to surgery and only the patient having the flu vaccine at their allocated time will be allowed into surgery. We will ask all patients to wait in their cars, or arrive at surgery no more than 10 minutes before their allocated appointment so as to help us to maintain social distancing.

Please follow these instructions:

- Attend on your own wherever possible
- Wear a face covering
- Wear clothing that makes it easy to bear your arm for vaccinating and a loose jacket to take on and off, if required.
- Bring only essentials into surgery – leave bags and outer clothing in cars or at home.
- Ensure you are free of Covid [symptoms](#) (please contact us as soon as you can to notify us if you cannot attend due to illness).
- Access will be through the main surgery doors only. A receptionist will have the lists of patients and invite you in at your allocated time. Early arrival will not ensure early admission. Late arrivals may be turned away. Please arrive a maximum of 10 minutes before your allocated appointment to ensure you are not queuing unnecessarily long.
- Only 1 parent/carer to attend with the patient.
- Please follow the instructions for queuing. Social distancing must be maintained.
- If it is raining on the day, please come prepared with an umbrella as the queue will be outside for a short period of time.
- Do not attend if you or any members of your household have symptoms of coronavirus, or if you have been told to isolate. Contact us the following week and we will rebook you when you are able to leave isolation.