



# SOUTH MILFORD SURGERY FLU PLAN INFORMATION



**SEPTEMBER 2020**

This year we have to follow social distancing guidelines to ensure the safety of all our patients and staff. We are offering the unique opportunity for you to attend our new drive through and walk through flu vaccination clinics. These will enable us to maintain safe social distancing measures and minimise the potential for cross infection.

The entire drive through procedure will take place whilst in the comfort of your own vehicle.

To take up this unique opportunity you **MUST** have a pre-booked appointment which you can arrange by contacting the surgery.

Please note, this is one appointment per person and not one appointment per vehicle.

**EVERYONE** eligible needs to pre-book one of the following options from 3rd September 2020 onwards:

## DRIVE-THROUGH FLU VACCINATION CLINICS WILL BE HELD FROM:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Sherburn-in-Elmet Airfield, The Aerodrome, New Lennerton Lane, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds LS25 6JE**



- Upon arrival of your appointment **YOU MUST** present your appointment confirmation (i.e. letter or email)
- Anyone arriving for the drive-through clinic should be appropriately dressed to enable an efficient service and access to their arm. It is preferred that all patients bring their own face covering or mask with them.

**If you don't have a car, there will be further walk through clinics available to book a pre-bookable appointment at various venues which are:**



- Community Sports Centre, Field Lane, Thorpe Willoughby YO8 9FL  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**
- Grove House, Grove Crescent, South Milford LS25 5AZ  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020**
- Micklefield Surgery, Churchville Terrace, Micklefield LS25 4AR  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

## HOME VISITS ARE AVAILABLE - FOR MEDICALLY HOUSEBOUND PATIENTS ONLY



We shall continue to offer essential home visits for very frail patients to have their flu vaccinations at home and for those living in care homes. Home visit slots are very limited and so are strictly reserved only for those who physically couldn't get into a car to attend an appointment with help from a friend, family or a taxi.

## Flu vaccinations for children:

If your child is eligible to have a vaccination at **school**, they should have their vaccination at school.



We shall keep a very limited number of flu appointments at the surgery which will be reserved for at-risk children not currently in school setting.

Children **must not** attend the drive – through clinics. Other patients who would be unable to get to our drive-through / walk-through clinics may be able to book to attend the surgery (**only in exceptional circumstances**)



## **How to book: Who is eligible?**

- ✓ **18-64 years old with long term health condition**
- ✓ **All over 65 years old**
- ✓ **Children 2-3 years old**
- ✓ **Year 7 children at school**
- ✓ **Children from 6 months -17 years old with a long-term health condition**

## **If you are aged 50-64:**

- You may have seen in the media that the NHS are planning on providing flu vaccinations for people between the age of 50-64 years old however, this has not yet been confirmed and undergoing authorisation you will be notified accordingly.
- If you do not have a long-term condition, you shall only become eligible later in the season. We will inform you when further details are announced, so please let us know if you recently changed your contact details. Details will also be available on our website and Facebook page.

## **✗ HOW TO DECLINE: ✗**

If you **DO NOT** wish to have a flu vaccination this year please email the surgery your details to the address below as your vaccine can be offered to someone else who needs it: This year more than ever, this is very important as vaccines supplies are



expected to be in extremely high demand.



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# Flu 2020: Frequently Asked Questions



## **When are the flu appointments available to be booked into?**

South Milford Surgery shall start to open up appointments for booking into a flu vaccine clinic from (insert date) 2020 onwards.

## **When do the flu clinics start?**

The pre-booked clinics will be scheduled to start from 17th September 2020.

## **Who should get the flu vaccine?**

This year the flu vaccine is being offered on the NHS to:

- ✓ **Adults 65 and over**  
*(including anyone who will be 65 by the 31st March 2021)*
- ✓ **People with certain medical conditions**  
*(including children in at - risk groups from 6 months of age)*
- ✓ **Pregnant women**
- ✓ **CARERS - including people living with someone who's at high risk from coronavirus**  
*(on the NHS shielded patient list)*
- ✓ **Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2020**  
*(dates to be confirmed)*
- ✓ **Children in primary school**  
*(these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)*
- ✓ **Children in year 7**  
*(secondary school - these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)*
- ✓ **Frontline workers or Social Care workers**

## **I am aged 50-64, am I also now eligible?**

Later in the year, the flu vaccine is expected to be able to be given to people aged 50 to 64.

More information will be available to the 50-64 'newly eligible' patients later in the autumn and until then, South Milford appointments are only being opened up to be booked by those patients who were already eligible. We have to prioritise vaccine stock for the most vulnerable patients first. If you're aged 50 to 64 and not already in an at-risk group, please ensure the practice has correct contact details for you, our preferred method of communication is via text and details will be sent by text about the availability of additional vaccines later in the season.

If you're aged 50 to 64 and in an at-risk group, you should book for your flu vaccine and not wait (bookings start from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020).

## **I am almost 65, am I eligible now?**

Yes. As with previous years, anyone who will be 65 years old by the 31st March 2021 will be entitled to receive a flu vaccine from the 65+ supply even before they physically turn 65.

## **Can I have my flu vaccine when I am coming up the surgery for another medical reason?**

Yes, but only if you have an appointment and only if time allows on the day.

If an eligible patient is already coming to South Milford Surgery for a face-to-face appointment with a GP, Nurse or HCA a flu vaccine can potentially be given if time allows on the day.