

BOROUGH GREEN MEDICAL PRACTICE – flu immunisations

We will shortly establish clinics for eligible patients to receive the influenza vaccination.

This year, due to Covid-19, we will need to do things differently to previous years. Our flu clinics will take place on Saturdays in late September and October. If you are eligible for the vaccination we will write to you and give you a date and time slot to attend. We would ask that you only call us to change this slot if you are really not able to attend and we will attempt to find an alternative slot for you. If you decide not to have your vaccination with us it would be helpful if you could let us know so that we can reallocate resources.

Our clinics will be set up to ensure safe distancing, infection control and a swift journey through the surgery.

We will offer the vaccination to all our eligible patients those over 65 and those who have a medical condition which puts them more at risk if they catch flu. The Government has extended the flu vaccination this year to patients who have been advised to shield during the Covid outbreak. Some of these patients will already be in our at risk category but we are awaiting guidance from the Government on how we obtain sufficient vaccines to offer vaccination to this additional category of patients. Additionally we are advised to wait for further Government advice on the plan to offer vaccinations to patients aged 50-64. We understand that this programme will not take place until November at the earliest. We will keep you updated when we receive further guidance.

School aged children will be given the flu vaccination at school and will not be able to attend the surgery for this. Vaccinations for those children aged 4 – 18 who have a medical condition that requires them to have a different vaccination and children aged 2-3 years can have their vaccination at the surgery and arrangements will be communicated to parents of eligible children for the vaccinations to be given by one of our practice nurses.