

Bolton Community Practice – Patient Bulletin

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BOLTON COMMUNITY PRACTICE PATIENT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)



Flu Vaccinations

Flu jab appointments are now available to book at the surgery. To book an appointment please telephone us or book online from **Friday 28th August**. There are different appointments available this year. BCP are prioritising high risk patients who were advised to shield during the pandemic, followed by the over 65 population and then all other eligible patients. **Please use the following guide when booking online:**

Appointments available	Who should book this?
Flu Vaccination – For Over 65s COVID High Risk. ONLY TO BE BOOKED FOR THOSE WHO WERE TOLD TO SHIELD DURING THE PANDEMIC	Patients aged 65 and over who WERE advised to shield during the COVID pandemic
Flu Vaccination – For Under 65s High Risk. ONLY TO BE BOOKED FOR THOSE WHO WERE TOLD TO SHIELD DURING THE PANDEMIC	Patients aged under 65 and have a long-term condition/are a carer/are pregnant and WERE advised to shield during the COVID pandemic
Flu Vaccination - For patients aged 65 and over	Patients aged 65 and over who WERE NOT advised to shield during the COVID pandemic
Flu Vaccination - For patients aged under 65 who are at risk	Patients aged under 65 and have a long-term condition/are a carer/are pregnant and WERE NOT advised to shield during the COVID pandemic

If you receive a text or phone call asking you to book an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.

The quickest, and easiest, way for you to book an appointment is online via MyGP App OR Patient Access App. You may wish to download these Apps from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

To ensure we can vaccinate as many patients as possible, please practice social distancing and avoid any delays.

When attending for your flu vaccine please:

- Arrive at your appointment time. To ensure social distancing, you may be asked to wait outside if you arrive excessively early or late.
- Wear a face mask or face covering before entering the surgery.
- Use hand gel as you enter the surgery.
- Attend alone where possible.
- Wear appropriate clothing when attending i.e. wear a short sleeved, loose top so the Nurse is easily able to access the top of your arm to prevent any delay.

Do not attend the surgery if you are unwell or experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus.

Please note that NHS England are looking to increase eligibility for seasonal flu vaccinations to all patients aged 50 and over. However, this has not yet been confirmed. Once this is confirmed we will publish further information.

All children in reception to year 7 will be vaccinated at school.

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