

We are planning a large drive / walk through clinic on **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** for the over 65-year-olds and on **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER** for the 12-64-year-olds in a clinical risk group.

**PLEASE WAIT TO RECEIVE OUR INVITATION BY TEXT OR LETTER IN THE NEXT MONTH, PLEASE DO NOT CALL US WE WILL CONTACT YOU.**



Please read the information below regarding the eligibility for the Flu and Covid vaccines for 2023.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR FLU VACCINE 2023**

The flu vaccine is given free on the NHS to adults who:

- are 65 and over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2024)
- have certain health conditions\*
- are pregnant
- are in long-stay residential care
- receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- live with someone who is more likely to get a severe infection due to a weakened immune system, such as someone living with HIV, someone who

has had a transplant, or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis.

\*The flu vaccine is offered free on the NHS to people with certain long-term health conditions, including:

- respiratory conditions, such as [asthma](#) (needing a steroid inhaler or tablets), [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#), including emphysema and bronchitis
- [diabetes](#)
- heart conditions, such as [coronary heart disease](#) or [heart failure](#)
- being very overweight – [a body mass index \(BMI\)](#) of 40 or above
- [chronic kidney disease](#)
- liver disease, such as [cirrhosis](#) or [hepatitis](#)
- some neurological conditions, such as [Parkinson's disease](#), [motor neurone disease](#), [multiple sclerosis \(MS\)](#), or [cerebral palsy](#)
- a [learning disability](#)
- problems with your spleen like [sickle cell disease](#), or if you've had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as a result of conditions such as [HIV and AIDS](#), or taking medicines such as [steroid tablets](#) or [chemotherapy](#)

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR COVID BOOSTER VACCINE 2023**

The following people are eligible for an autumn Covid booster:

- Residents in care homes for older adults
- All adults aged 65 years and over
- People aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as defined in tables 3 and 4 of the [Covid-19 chapter of the UKHSA Green Book](#) on Immunisation\*
- frontline health and social care workers.
- People aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression, [as defined in the UKHSA Green Book](#)
- People aged 16 to 64 years who are carers, [as defined in the UKHSA Green Book](#), and staff working in care homes for older adults

[\\*Tables 3 and 4 of the Covid-19 chapter of UKHSA the Green Book](#) defines who is in a clinical risk group.

Clinical risk groups for individuals aged 16 years and over include:

- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic kidney disease

- Chronic neurological disease, such as stroke and individuals with cerebral palsy, profound multiple learning disabilities, Down's syndrome, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and related or similar conditions.
- Diabetes
- Those with immunosuppression
- Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
- Morbid obesity
- Severe mental illness
- Younger adults in long-stay nursing and residential care settings
- Pregnant women

Clinical risk groups for those aged under 16 years include:

- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic heart conditions
- Chronic conditions of the kidney, liver or digestive system
- Chronic neurological disease
- Endocrine disorders
- Immunosuppression
- Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
- Serious genetic abnormalities that affect a number of systems
- Pregnancy

**The JCVI also advises that people who have not yet received their first Covid jab should be offered a single vaccine dose as their primary course. The criteria for eligibility for a first Covid vaccine is the same as the autumn 2023 booster.**