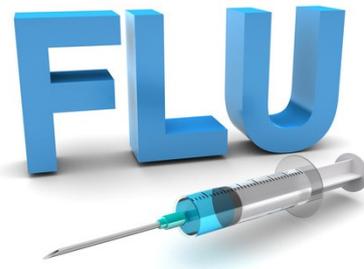


Flu 2020: The Leigh View Medical Practice Flu Plan



This year we have to factor in social distancing into our flu vaccination schedule and so we are introducing new systems to keep everyone safe. There will not be any drop-in flu clinics this year but lots of other safe options, and all patients MUST pre-book an appointment slot in advance.

Everyone eligible needs to pre-book one of the following options from 1st September onwards:



Drive-through clinics

Every week we are holding two drive-through clinics in the car park of Tingley Methodist Church, for eligible adults to book in to, not having to leave their vehicle. The address is: **Tingley Methodist Church, Westerton Road, Tingley WF3 1BD**



- Anyone arriving for the drive-through clinic should be appropriately dressed to enable an efficient service and easy access to their arm. All patients should please bring their own a face covering or mask with them.
- If you don't have a car, there will also be a walking-in / cycling-in queue available so that others can still attend providing that everyone has pre-booked an appointment in advance. We would definitely prefer that everyone arrives in a car and queues in that car if at all possible.



Children should book to attend an appointment at the surgery.

We shall keep a very limited number of flu appointments at the surgery building which will be reserved for at-risk children.

Children must not attend the drive-through clinics as more time is needed.

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).

- If your child is eligible to have a vaccination at school, but not otherwise in another at risk group, they should have their vaccine at school, not at the Doctors surgery.



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.

How to book:

If you are eligible:

- Please telephone Reception any week day from 1st September onwards to book your flu vaccination on 0113 2537628, if you can, please telephone after 12 noon or between 5pm and 6.30pm when the phone lines are usually a little quieter.

If you are aged 50-64:

- If you do not have a long term condition, you shall only become eligible later in the season. We will text you when further details are announced, so please let us know if you recently changed your mobile number. Details will also be on our website and Facebook page.



How to decline:

- If you already know that you don't want a flu vaccine at all please call to tell us. You could also email to decline if that's easier so that 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. **Email: carenavigators.leighview@nhs.net**



Flu 2020: Frequently Asked Questions



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

Leigh View Medical Practice shall start to open up appointments for booking into a flu vaccine clinic from 1st September 2020 onwards.



When do the flu clinics start?

The pre-booked clinics will be scheduled to start towards the end of September, once stock delivery dates are confirmed.



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
- children in primary school (n.b. these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
- children in year 7 (secondary school) (n.b. these vaccines are available via the school ONLY)
- frontline health 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, Leigh View 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 but also in another at-risk group, you should book for your flu vaccine and not wait (bookings start from 1st September).
- If you're aged 50 to 64 and were not already in an at risk group, please ensure the practice has a correct mobile number for you, as details will be sent by text about the availability of additional vaccines later in the season.



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 Leigh View for a face to face appointment with a GP, Nurse or HCA (*not including our new HCA - Nicola and not including the Phlebotomists*) a flu vaccine can potentially be given if time allows on the day.

This will only apply to appointments after the following dates:

- From 10th September onwards for the over 65s
- From 18th September onwards for the under 65s.
- From mid November (we believe) for the newly eligible 50-64 year olds