# Vaccinations Autumn/Winter 2024

## RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccination

RSV is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. RSV infection often causes symptoms similar to a cold

From 1 September 2024, those who turn 75 and those age 75 to 79 will be eligible for a free vaccine to protect them from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It will also be available to patients who are at least 28 weeks pregnant.

As this is a new vaccine there is a useful information video available on this link A Guide to the RSV vaccine for older adults – British Sign Language - YouTube

We will be running clinics Fri 13<sup>th</sup> & Fri 20<sup>th</sup> September in practice. Eligible patients will be sent an invitation to book an appointment.

Housebound patients will be contacted by the practice and visits are likely to take place 20th September

#### **CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINATIONS**

2 -3 year olds Nasal Flu Vaccination (age as at 31st Aug 2024)

The practice will be holding drop in clinics on Saturday's 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September 09.00 – 12.00. We will be hosting these clinics on behalf of all practices in the Bestwood & Sherwood PCN. No booking is required.

## 4 – 11 year olds (age as at 31 Aug 2024)

Children who are in school (reception to year 11) will be offered the vaccination in school, we will be unable to offer a vaccination in practice unless your child is in "at risk" category.

## 0-18 in an "at risk" category

Eligible patients will receive an SMS invitation to book an appointment in the practice during normal opening hours or you can choose to have it at school.

#### **ADULT FLU VACCINATIONS**

From 1st Sep 2024 we will be able to offer the vaccination to pregnant women.

Eligible patients will be sent an invitation to book an appointment online.

From 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 we will be able to vaccinate patients in the following groups:

- Aged 65 years and over
- Aged 18 to under 65 years in a clinical risk group.
- Those in long stay residential care homes
- Carers in receipt of carer's allowance or those who are the main carer of an elderly of disabled person
- Close contact of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline workers in a social care setting

Our main flu clinic will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 08.00 – 14.00. Eligible patients will be sent an invitation to book an appointment online.

If you cannot make this clinic appointments will be available during normal opening hours from w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Octoctober

Housebound patients will be contacted by the practice and visits are likely to take place w/c 14th October.

#### **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

From 1st Sep 2024 eligible patients will receive an invitation to book an appointment.

Please note that we will not be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in the practice.

We expect these will be available in many local pharmacies and information will be sent with your invitation. The 119 telephone service will be available again for any queries

Housebound patients will be contacted by the service provider not the practice