

WALKDEN MEDICAL CENTRE



Flu Programme 2021

This year we intend to delivery the flu programme in the same way as last year to ensure that we keep all our patients safe. The pandemic is still ongoing, and it is our priority to ensure you can access your flu vaccine promptly and safely.

Over 65 years (patients who are 65 up to 31/3/22).

Patients will receive a text message / letter where no mobile. We intent to start these clinics in October this year – due to the national delay of flu vaccines – our vaccines for this age group will not be available before then unfortunately.

We will be holding ‘drop in’ flu clinics at:-

Walkden Methodist Church
Manchester Road East
Walkden M38 9AN

These will be held on:-

Saturday 23rd October 9am to 1pm
(9am – 10am – appointments can be booked online)
Tuesday 26th October (65+) 1pm – 5pm

Please note you **do not need an appointment**; please arrive at the centre in between one of the above times. If you are vulnerable, we have some appointments available which can be booked through the MYGP app/call reception.

18 to 64 years ‘at risk patients’

If you are in a clinical ‘at risk’ group such as Asthma, COPD, CKD, Liver Disease, Neurological Disease, Diabetes, Immunosuppressed, pregnant or a carer or are aged 50-64

You do not have to call reception and book an appointment. All patients will be sent a text message or letter.

We will be holding ‘drop in’ flu clinics, please see information above.

Tuesday 21st September (Under 65/At Risk only) – 3pm-6pm
Saturday 2nd October – 9am – 1pm (Under 65/At Risk only) – 9am – 1pm
Saturday 23rd October 10am to 1pm

Child Flu Vaccine

Children who are aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2021 and children aged 6 months to 17 years in an ‘at risk’ group are eligible for the nasal spray at the surgery.

You will be contacted to book your child’s appointment.

Please note we can only vaccinate children aged 2 or 3 (on 31.8.21) or children in an 'at risk' group. We cannot vaccinate children that are eligible for a vaccine through their school. If your child misses the vaccine at school, you will need to contact the school to rearrange.

Any persons who shares a residence with an Immunocompromised person.

If you are immunocompromised someone lives with you permanently, they are eligible for a free flu vaccine. Please contact the surgery for more information.

Please follow these instructions when attending for your vaccine

- Attend on your own unless you need help in mobilising.
- Please do not bring children with you to your appointment.
- Walk to the centre/surgery if you are able to, to avoid congestion. If you do need to drive, please be considerate of the neighbours if you park in the local area to avoid congestion.
- **Please wear a face covering.** If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please be prepared to provide evidence of this before gaining entry to the centre.
- We encourage you not to touch anything in the centre/surgery, if possible, please bring your own hand sanitiser to use should you wish to.
- Please follow the instructions for queuing (Wesley Centre). The queue will be controlled to ensure social distancing. If you are in a wheelchair or have very limited mobility, please make yourself known to a member of staff who will be wearing a luminous yellow jacket – our GP's and nurses are happy to come to the car.
- If it is raining on the day, please come prepared with an umbrella as the queue will be outside for a short period of time.
- There will be no chairs available to sit while waiting and you will not be able to sit whilst having the vaccination (for infection control). If you think you will struggle with this, please speak to a member of staff on arrival.
- **Wear clothing which makes it easy to expose your upper arm.** The vaccinations will be given in areas with no space to remove or place layers of clothing.
- Please heed the instructions of the staff who are supervising the patient flow – they are there for your safety.

Do not attend if you or any members of your household have symptoms of coronavirus, or if you have been told to isolate. Contact us the following week and we will rebook you when you are able to leave isolation.

If you wish to decline

If you do not wish to be vaccinated please go on our website, click on 'administration office' then click on 'ask the practice a question' and let us know so that we can update our records and remove your name from our recall list.