

Update – 18th August 2023
Flu & Covid Clinic Updates & More



Heading into the August bank holiday, just a quick friendly reminder that we are closed on **Monday 28th August 2023**.

Moving into September, the surgery will be ready for patients to book in for their **Flu & Covid vaccinations**. Flu only appointments are available from as early as **September 15th**, however we encourage patients to have flu and covid vaccines at the same time. Flu and covid clinics will start as early as **October 7th**. **For an up-to-date schedule on when we're releasing appointments and when to call, please see below. Please do not call before.**

Priorities

The surgery will be sending text invites to eligible patients (**see below**) over the coming days / weeks, with the opportunity to book your appointment(s) online. This really is the quickest and easiest way to book your appointments and worked extremely well when inviting patients to have their Covid spring boosters recently.

There will be some smaller clinics being held at Looe, Pelynt and Polperro surgeries, however you are encouraged to attend our larger clinics being held at Looe Community Academy and the Millpool Centre in Looe, if you can. These clinics have access to GPs, Nurses, Healthcare Assistants and with the continued support of the wonderful Looe Lions who do so much to support the surgery and our community.

Eligibility 2023-24	
All patients aged 65 years or over at March 31 st 2024	Covid & Flu
Those in long stay residential care homes	Covid & Flu
Persons aged 6 months -64 years in clinical risk groups (see below)	Covid & Flu
Persons aged 12-64 year who live in the same house of someone with immunosuppression	Covid & Flu
Pregnant Women	Covid & Flu
All children aged 2 & 3 on 31 st August 2023 (delivered by the surgery in nursery settings)	Flu
Primary school children (reception to year 6, delivered by the school immunisation service)	Flu
Secondary school children (under review, awaiting an update, although will be delivered by the school immunisation service)	Flu
Carers in receipt of carers allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person	Covid & Flu
Frontline workers in a social care setting, without an employer led occupational health scheme, including those working for a registered care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by someone who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or personal health budgets, such as Personal Assistants	Covid & Flu

Clinical Risk groups for patients	
6 months to 64 years	
Chronic Respiratory Disease i.e. COPD and Asthma patients taking regular steroids	Chronic Heart Disease & Chronic Vascular Disease
Chronic Liver Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease
Chronic Neurological Disease	Diabetes & other endocrine disorder
Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen	Patients with learning disabilities
Morbid Obesity – BMI 40+	Severe Enduring Mental Illness

When to call to book your Flu & Covid appointment(s)

If you are 65 years or over **and unable to book your Covid / Flu appointment online**, please **see the schedule below** showing when you can call the surgery to book your appointment(s). **Please do not call before.**

Group	When to call to book flu & covid vaccines (Please do not call before)
Aged 75 years & over	Call on or after Wednesday 23 rd August 2023
Aged 65-74 years	Call on or after Wednesday 30 th August 2023
Eligible under 65s	Call on or after Wednesday 7 th September 2023

You can reach the surgery on **01503 266960**. Please call after 11am, weekdays, and select option 2.

...and finally, a couple of quick reminders

- 1. LIVI GPs** are available evenings and weekends. Free of charge to Old Bridge Surgery patients, to download the LIVI app [click here](#). For easy-to-follow details on how to book a LIVI appointment [click here](#).
- 2.** If you unable to keep a pre-booked appointment, whether with LIVI or a clinician at the surgery, please remember to cancel your appointment with as much notice as possible. This enables us to offer your appointment(s) to someone else, especially when there is such a high demand for our services.

Whatever your plans for the Bank Holiday, stay safe and have fun...and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Flu & Covid clinics, helping to protect us all and the Community as we head into autumn and the winter months.

Kind regards,

GP Partners and Team

Old Bridge Surgery