### ABBEY FAMILY PRACTICE SEASONAL VACCINE CLINICS 2025-26

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/flu-vaccine

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

# Seasonal Influenza ('Flu') Vaccine:

- Aged 65 or over
- Aged 18 or over and in a clinical risk group (e.g. asthma, COPD, heart disease, kidney disease)
- People with a <u>severely weakened immune system</u>

# **COVID-19 Vaccine:**

- Aged 75 or over
- People with a <u>severely weakened immune system</u>

### Please note:

\*\*Eligibility for the covid-19 vaccine this autumn is different from the flu vaccine\*

The <u>COVID-19</u> vaccination will <u>NOT</u> be offered to those under 75 or those in a clinical risk group unless they have a severely weakened immune system.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- \* We are currently scheduling our vaccination clinics! Throughout October we will directly contact all eligible patients on our Practice list. Patients will receive a text message with a link to book an appointment slot for vaccination. The text will include telephone details for the vaccine line as some patients may prefer to phone to make their appointment.
- \* Please ensure you arrive no more than 5 minutes before your pre-booked appointment time. As you will know the Health Centre car park is very busy and we want to avoid queues of traffic; patients with day time appointments may wish to consider getting dropped off at the Health Centre rather than look for a parking space.
- \* Patients aged 75 years and over and patients with severe weakened immune system will be invited to day time clinics for their Flu vaccination <u>and</u> will also be offered a COVID booster. All other eligible patients will be invited to an evening clinic when the <u>FLU VACCINE ONLY</u> will be available.

### **REMOTE ACCESS TO GP SERVICES**

- \* We encourage all patients to register for GP online services for 24/7 access to order repeat prescriptions and to book or cancel appointments. The number and types of appointments available for booking online will increase in line with the number of patients using the service. https://www.patientaccess.com/
- \* It would be a good opportunity when attending the vaccination clinics to bring along a copy of photographic proof of ID so that we can email you a registration letter with PIN and access ID. Please record your email address and mobile number on copy of photo ID.