

# Spring 2024 COVID Vaccinations

This spring, Holt Surgery will be providing FREE Covid vaccinations for eligible patients. Please read the below information carefully.

## **We WILL be offering Covid vaccines to:**

- ALL patients who are 75yrs and over
- Patients aged 18 – 74yrs who are clinically “at risk”
- All patients living in an older peoples’ care home (irrespective of age).

For full details of this season’s Covid eligibility please see the green book guidance:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65d50a1f2197b2001d7fa70e/Greenbook-chapter-14a-20240220.pdf>

(**Under 18s** - we will NOT be able to offer Covid vaccines to any eligible under 18yr olds. These patients will need to book to have their Covid vaccine via the National Booking System).

## **COVID CLINICS @ HOLT**

**All patients 75yrs and over AND eligible 18 – 74yr olds (who are immunosuppressed)** will be invited to Holt Surgery to have their vaccine at one of our Covid vaccination clinics. These clinics will be held on:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 8:30am to 13:00pm**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 13:30pm to 18:00pm**

If you are unable to attend on these two dates, you can book to have your vaccination elsewhere via the National Booking System.

## **BOOKING YOUR COVID JAB**

- **Via a text message (from the Surgery)** – eligible patients who have registered their mobile number with us will receive a text message with a link allowing them to book directly into one of our clinics from the text.
- Patients without a registered mobile number will be sent a letter directing them to book via our **Vaccination Booking Line** which will live from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, **and will be open Mon – Fri, 2pm until 5pm**. Patients should call 01263 712461 and select Option 8. This line will be closed on Bank holidays and at weekends.
- **Appointment Times** – will be individual and staggered to ensure a steady flow.

- **Parking** – there will be marshals outside the Surgery to show you where to park and there will be reserved disabled parking close to the entrance.
- **Dress** – patients need to make sure they wear appropriate clothing to allow your upper arm to be easily accessed.

## Care Home and Housebound Patients

The Surgery will ensure that all care home residents and housebound patients (75 and over or otherwise eligible) are offered the Covid vaccination. It is likely that we will provide vaccines to care home residents and housebound patients from mid-April to mid-May. We will contact our homes and all **eligible** housebound residents as soon as we know the dates we will be visiting.

Household contacts of the above are no longer eligible for a Spring vaccination.

## Which Vaccine will it be?

At present we have been advised the vaccine will be Pfizer monovalent Omicron XBB. 1.5 vaccine however similarly to previous campaigns the vaccine we are provided with can change depending on available supply.