



Alcester Health Centre

Modern Care Traditional Values

Practice News

Flu Season

We have had a successful start to the flu season this year – with all our vaccinations being delivered in the first week of September!

We are holding frequent Flu Clinics, in the week, weekends and during extended ours! All of our flu appointments are available to book online through Patient Access or the NHS App!

Who is eligible for the Flu Vaccination?

The Flu Vaccine is given free on the NHS to people who:

- Are aged 50 and over
- Have certain health conditions
- Are Pregnant
- Are in long-stay residential care
- Are the main carer for an older or disabled person, who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- Frontline health or social care workers

If you are not sure if you are eligible please visit the NHS website for more information.

Did you know....

You don't have to call our reception team to access a range of services?

On our website you can:

- Order repeat prescriptions
- Cancel appointments
- Change your personal details
- Tell us if you are a carer
- Complete a range of forms (such as Travel Questionnaires for Travel Immunisations, self-refer to the midwife etc)

Visit our website at

<https://www.alcesterhealthcentre.co.uk/>

Covid-19 Booster Vaccinations

Booster Vaccinations will be rolled out from the end of September 2021.

The roll out will follow the same priority groups as previously. Therefore, individuals falling into the following categories will be prioritised:

- Care home residents
- Health and social care workers
- People aged over 50
- Those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19
- Adult carers
- Adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals

The vaccinations will be given 6 months after the second dose.

You will be contacted to book in for your Covid-19 booster, therefore, there is no need to contact the surgery to organise your appointment.

Social Prescribers

Working with our Primary Care Network, we have welcomed two social prescribers into our surgery team.

Social Prescribers can offer support to individuals to improve their health, wellbeing and social welfare. They can assist by connecting individuals to community services and signposting to suitable services.

The GP, Nurse or Healthcare Assistant can refer you to this service or you can self-refer by speaking to our reception team who will be happy to help!

Our Ongoing Response to Covid-19

It is a priority that we keep patients and our staff safe.

A few precautions we are taking, are have installed perspex screens in the reception area and continue to request our staff to complete Lateral Flow Tests twice a week.

To help us with our endeavour to keep everyone safe and enable us to continue providing care, we are kindly asking patients to continue to wear a mask whilst they are in the surgery.

Additionally, the surgery is continuing to offer initial appointments, to triage patients, over the telephone where possible. The clinician will book you into a face-to-face appointment if necessary.

Thank you for your help with keeping other patients and our team safe!

Join Alcester Health Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG aims to be the voice of the patient in the practice. Working constructively and positively to help identify solutions and work in partnership with the practice.

If you would be interested in joining the PPG please complete the form on the Practice Website

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Have you got the NHS App?

Wherever you are, the NHS app allows you to book, cancel and track appointments at your GP surgery with ease.

You can conveniently order repeat prescriptions, view your GP medical record, and quickly check symptoms, plus access to NHS 111 online means no more wondering if you need urgent attention. It's free and owned by the NHS so you know your personal data is always secure. You can find it in Google and Apple app stores. Simplify your life. Download the NHS App!

NHS 111

If you need medical advice when the GP surgery or the pharmacy is closed, call: 111 or go to 111.nhs.uk



**when it's less
urgent than 999**