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Coronavirus vaccination update: September 2021

What's new this month; how are we doing?

87% of all adults registered at one of the four practices in A31 Primary Care Network have now been fully vaccinated and a further 5% have also had the first vaccination. This is an EPIC achievement – thank you!

Developments this week

The Covid booster campaign will start to roll out from Monday 20th September. The priority groups will be worked through as we did before, starting at group 1 and finishing with group 9. Information about the priority groups can be found here <https://bit.ly/3hFBI6C>. Whichever age group you are in, you are eligible to have a booster from six months after the date of your second vaccination.

When boosters are open for your priority group, there are three ways in which you can book your appointment:

- on receipt of a direct text from our service inviting you to book – these will commence shortly
- through our dedicated advice line by calling 0333 332 0855 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday
- or by calling 119 – our GP-led service is now registered on the national booking system

These Covid booster vaccinations will take place at Jameson House, RG24 8AG for most people. There will be two local options in Alton for anyone who genuinely finds it difficult to travel to Basingstoke. Both local options have limited capacity and we appeal for your help and support to ensure these appointments are available to those who need them most.

The vaccination centre will provide a satellite clinic in one of the Alton GP practices every 2 weeks from mid-October. We will let you know how you can book satellite clinics once dates have been confirmed. Boots pharmacy will continue to deliver Covid vaccinations, including boosters. Contact Boots directly to book.

Deliveries of flu vaccine have been disrupted this year; however, we will do our utmost to accommodate eligible patients as quickly as possible. Flu jabs for adults over 50 years of age, and younger adults with certain medical conditions, will be given in your GP surgery as in previous years. **Flu clinics are Saturday 25th September and Saturday 2nd October at The Wilson Practice and are available to book online (NHS App, Patient App, The Wilson Practice website), or through our dedicated telephone line from Tuesday to Friday 11.30am – 4.00pm.** (Please note that after having your flu jab, you must wait at least 7 days before having a Covid booster).

If you haven't yet had your first covid vaccine, you can still book an appointment for this at the vaccination centre. Please call the dedicated call centre on the telephone number above to book an appointment.

Please note that vaccination of children aged 12-15 years is happening through the school nursing service and is separate to the booster programme.

And finally,..... vaccines remain our best protection against COVID19 and will keep both you, and those close to you, safe.

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