

# SURGERY NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2021



## COVID BOOSTER PROGRAMME

Following a Government announcement on 29th November, the NHS is developing plans to extend the Covid-19 booster vaccination programme to include everyone aged 18 and over.

12 to 15 year olds will also be offered a second dose of the vaccine and an additional booster will be available for people who are immunosuppressed.

People will become eligible for their booster three months after their second dose (reduced from six months).

For now, all you need to do is wait to be contacted by the NHS. Please help us to help all patients by not contacting your GP practice about your booster or attending vaccination sites.

If you are over 40 or a health and social care worker, and are eligible for your booster, go online to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call 119 to book your appointment. Visit [www.happyhealthylives.uk/vaccinationdrop-ins](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk/vaccinationdrop-ins) to see all the places you can go for a walk-in appointment.



**PLEASE  
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YOUR INVITE  
FROM THE  
NHS**

## COVID VACCINATION PROGRAMME

We have now invited all patients aged 18 and over for their COVID vaccine. If you haven't yet had your vaccine and would like to book an appointment, please go to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination/>



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS



24th December (Christmas Eve) - 8:00-12:30pm with Extended Access cover from 12:30pm-6:30pm

25th December (Christmas Day) - CLOSED

27th December (Bank Holiday) - CLOSED

28th December (Bank Holiday) - CLOSED

29th December - 8:00-6:30pm

30th December - 8:00-6:30pm

31st December (New Year's Eve) - 8:00-12:30pm with Extended Access cover from 12:30pm-6:30pm

1st January (New Year's Day) - CLOSED

3rd January (Bank Holiday) - CLOSED

**Please make sure you have ordered enough medication to last over the festive period.**

The practice will open as usual at 8am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.



## PRACTICE BUILDING WORK



We currently have no on site parking available as the extension project is underway.

We are currently offering both face-to-face and telephone appointments to manage the number of patients in the building. Please speak to reception if you would prefer to book to see a clinician face-to-face.

For more information about the building work visit our practice website: [www.watersidemc.nhs.uk](http://www.watersidemc.nhs.uk)



## TEMPORARY COVID MEASURES

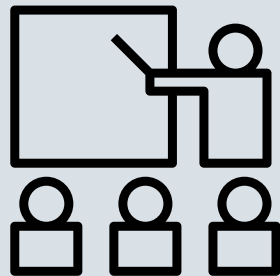
New temporary and precautionary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant in the UK:

- Face coverings will become compulsory on public transport and in shops. Not including hospitality.
- From 04:00 Tuesday 30 November all international arrivals entering the UK must take a day 2 PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.
- All contacts of suspected Omicron cases must self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of their vaccination status. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

## STAFF TRAINING DATES 2022

Please be aware that practices across South Warwickshire will be closed from 12:30pm on the following dates for staff training:

- 19th January 2022
- 17th February 2022
- 16th March 2022
- 28th April 2022
- 18th May 2022
- 23rd June 2022
- 22nd September 2022
- 19th October 2022
- 24th November 2022



Out of hours info will be available on our phone system.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



Out of Hours Service	111
NHS Direct 24/7	111
Mental Health Helpline	0800 161 171
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
UHCW Hospital	02476 964000
Ambulance Transport	01926 310312
District Nurses	0845 608 0275

## EVENING AND WEEKEND RECEPTIONIST VACANCY



WATERSIDE MEDICAL CENTRE

## BANK EVENING & WEEKEND RECEPTION VACANCY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PART-TIME BANK COVER TO SUPPORT THE EXTENDED ACCESS SERVICE AT THE PRACTICE



£10.22 P/H

WEEKDAYS 6-9PM & WEEKEND MORNINGS

Email: [rebecca.severs@watersidemc.nhs.uk](mailto:rebecca.severs@watersidemc.nhs.uk)

## DUE YOUR FLU VACCINATION?



If you have been invited for your flu vaccination but haven't yet had it this year, please get in touch with our reception team. We have a number of flu vaccinations to give in surgery. Don't delay, call us on 01926 42832 to book your appointment and stay protected this winter.

## WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The team at Waterside Medical Centre work very hard to provide a high quality and responsive service to our patients but we are always looking for ways to improve our service and listen to what our patients have to say.

There are lots of ways for patients to have their say and we would love to hear from you with any comments you may have as to how we can improve our service to you.



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"Tell us what you think!"



Comments cards are available in reception and we have a patient participation group who meet regularly.

