



How to get your vaccines and boost your immunity in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

People in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin are reminded to get their COVID and flu vaccinations to give themselves the best possible protection against these deadly illnesses this winter.

The annual flu vaccination programme is now underway across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, with many GP practices and pharmacies offering the flu jab. Those eligible, including people aged over 50, including those who'll be 50 by 31 March 2022, pregnant women, frontline health care staff and school age children, are all being offered the free vaccine in the run up to winter. People in long-stay residential care homes and carers are also eligible, as well as close contacts of anyone who is immunocompromised.

Clinics will be run at various practices and pharmacies over the next couple of months and will be on an appointment-only basis.

Some pharmacies and GP Practices may have used all their first deliveries of flu vaccine; however, other pharmacies and GP Practices flu stock remain high. Flu vaccine is delivered to pharmacies and GP Practices in batches in the run up to and over the flu season. Pharmacies and GP Practices will be getting more deliveries of flu vaccination soon.

The COVID-19 booster programme will run alongside the flu programme, and many clinics across the area will be offering both doses at the same time, where possible, to those eligible for both types of vaccination.

Appointments for a COVID-19 booster dose can only be booked if it's been at least six months or a minimum of 182 days since your second dose of the vaccine. This means that if you are already eligible for a flu jab you should have this jab as soon as you can and not put it off until your booster is also due.

If you had your 2nd COVID-19 vaccination at least 6 months (or a minimum of 182 days) ago i.e. before 23 April 2021 (as of today 22 Oct) you are eligible for a booster, you can walk-in for a COVID-19 booster (without a letter, text or email from the NHS), you can





book an appointment to via the via the National

<u>Booking Service</u> or by calling NHS 119 or, alternatively, if you prefer to be vaccinated at your GP surgery or primary care network (PCN) please wait to be contacted. For details of the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin walk-in clinics please visit: <u>COVID-19 Vaccination</u> Walk-in and Pop-up Clinics (stwics.org.uk).

People are asked not to contact their GP to arrange their booster and flu jabs. Your GP Practice or PCN will be in touch to invite you to book an appointment at a vaccination clinic.

Steve Ellis, Service Director and Deputy Senior Responsible Officer for the Covid-19 Vaccination Service in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, said: "The NHS is incredibly busy and we need you to stand by us this winter. Please have both the annual flu and booster Covid vaccinations if you are eligible. Getting the booster vaccine is vital for all people who had their second dose of the COVID vaccination six months ago as protection from the vaccine does drop over time, and the booster vaccination will give people at greatest risk important extra protection. If you still haven't had your first or second dose of the Covid jab, it's not too late you can get your COVID-19 vaccinations by attending a walk-in clinic."

Walk-in clinics in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin – Saturday 23 October to Friday 29 October 2021:

PLEASE NOTE: These walk-in and pop-up clinics may be subject to short notice changes. Please do check the times and dates on the day before you travel to the centre: <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Walk-in</u> and Pop-up Clinics (stwics.org.uk)

Location	Vaccine and age criteria	Date and time
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, SY10 7AG	 1st doses for ages 12+ 2nd and 3rd doses COVID-19 boosters 	 Saturday 23 October, 8am - 1pm Monday 25 October, 8am - 5pm Tuesday 26 October, 8am - 5pm Wednesday 27 October, 8am - 5pm Thursday 28 October, 8am - 5pm Friday 29 October, 8am - 5pm
Emmanuel Church, Mount Pleasant	 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses 	 Monday 25 October, 8am-6pm Tuesday 26 October, 8am-6pm



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Road, Shrewsbury SY1 3HY Telford AFC, Watling Street, TF1 2TU Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford, TF2 8HG	 COVID-19 boosters 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses COVID-19 boosters 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses COVID-19 boosters 	 Wednesday 27 October, 8am-6pm Thursday 28 October, 8am-6pm Friday 29 October, 8am-6pm Monday 25 October, 8am-6pm Thursday 28 October, 8am-6pm Friday 29 October, 8am-6pm Friday 29 October, 8am-6pm Saturday 23 October, 9am - 2pm Monday 25 October, 9am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 6pm Tuesday 26 October, 9am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 4pm Wednesday 27 October, am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 4pm Friday 29 October, am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 4pm
Woodside Pharmacy, Park Lane Community Centre, Park Lane, Telford, TF7 5QZ	 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses COVID-19 boosters 	 Saturday 23 October, 9am - 6pm Monday 25 October, 9am - 6pm Tuesday 26 October, 10am - 4pm Wednesday 27 October, 8am - 6pm Friday 29 October, 12pm - 6pm
Wem Scouts and Guide HQ, Bowens Field, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AP	 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses COVID-19 boosters 	 Thursday 28 October, 9am - 5pm Friday 29th October, 9am - 5pm
Station Drive Surgery, Ludlow SY8 2AB	 1st doses for ages 16+ 2nd and 3rd doses 	Every Tuesday evening, 6pm to 7pm