

Flu Vaccinations

There is a delay due to a shortage of lorry drivers

We were notified on Friday that due to a shortage of lorry drivers our flu vaccination supplies would be delayed by a week or two?

We were due to receive our first supply of 500 vaccines in the week beginning 20th September and we had planned our first clinic for Saturday 25th September, however, this has had to be postponed

It is now likely that this will be the second week of October, but we cannot confirm this until we have confirmation of delivery. This means that we will not be booking appointments until we know more

COVID booster

Confusion in the government

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has been the expert body on which the government has relied upon for advice on the rollout of the Covid vaccination

The JCVI is advising that people with severely weakened immune systems should have a third vaccine dose as part of their primary COVID-19 vaccination schedule - this is not a booster, but a third vaccination for this group

This is separate to any potential booster programme, whilst the JCVI deliberates the potential benefits of booster vaccines for the rest of the population and awaits further evidence to support whether this is necessary



Government ministers have asked Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer to intervene and make a decision

We are also waiting to hear whether (if a booster goes ahead) this can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccine, in which case we will run the two together

For the latest JCVI information [click here](#)

Confused & Frustrated? So are we.



The good news is that we should be able to offer the vaccines from the surgery rather than Chesham Town Hall

We will text you when we have further information

In the meantime keep an eye on the website for updates

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