

# Over Wyre Medical Centre News Letter

## Combined Flu / Covid Autumn Campaign

All those who are eligible for any of the following vaccine programmes will receive a text invitation with a booking link to book your own slot.

If you do not receive texts or are unable to book this way, please telephone the surgery after 3pm on 01253-204491.

### From September 2024



Over Wyre medical centres flu and/or covid campaign will begin mid-September initially for Children aged 2 & 3 years for the nasal flu or injectable flu for those unable to have live vaccines and Pregnant women.

### From October 2024:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 18 years to under 65 years in a clinical risk group
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- frontline workers in a social care setting  
**(This group MAY not be eligible for covid vaccine)**
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person  
**(This group are not eligible for covid vaccine this year)**
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals  
**(This group are not eligible for covid vaccine this year)**

## NEW - Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is an enveloped RNA virus, in the same family as the human parainfluenza viruses and mumps and measles viruses. RSV is one of the common viruses that cause coughs and colds in winter. RSV is transmitted by large droplets and by secretions from contact with an Infected person. Infants under one year of age and the elderly are at the greatest risk of developing severe disease. While most RSV infections usually cause mild illness, infants aged less than 6 months frequently develop the most severe disease such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia, which may result in hospitalisation.

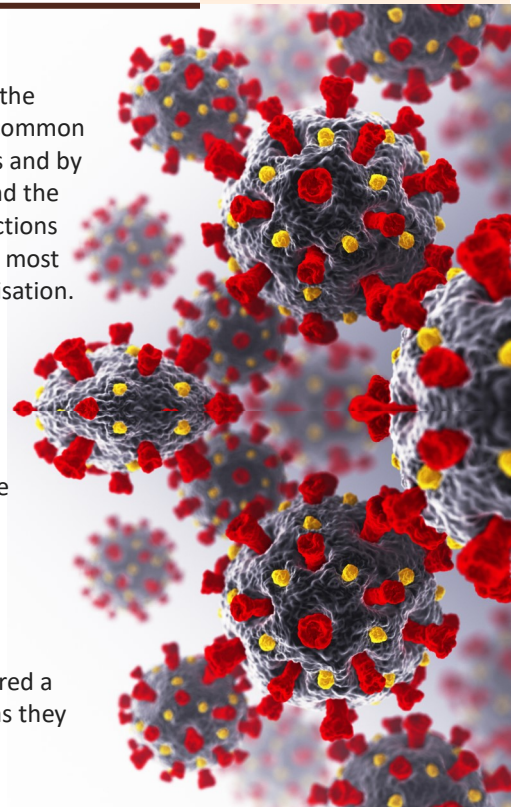
From 1 September 2024, two new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programmes will be introduced:

### Programme for older adults aged 75 to 79 years old.

All adults turning 75 years old on or after 1 September 2024 will be eligible for the routine programme and should be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. A one-off catch-up campaign for those already aged 75 to 79 years old on the 1st September 2024 will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

### Programme for pregnant women to protect infants.

All women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant on 1 September 2024, will be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. After that, pregnant women will become eligible as they reach 28 weeks gestation and remain eligible up to birth.



## Do you need **SUPPORT** with installing the GP Apps on your devices?

Starting from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, the OWMC will be running lessons on how to install the apps and navigate them.

The lessons will take place **every Thursday between 3pm – 5pm during the months of August and September.**

This will include learning how to: Order Repeat Prescriptions, Book Appointments, View Test Results, View Problems, View vaccinations and more.

**REMINDER:** as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, we will be discontinuing the repeat medication ordering service via the answering machine due to safety concerns.



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Special points of interest:

> Flu / Covid Autumn Campaign

> NEW - RSV Vaccine

> IT Support Sessions



to the team!

We are pleased to inform you Dr Molly Bryden, has completed her GP training and will be staying with us as a full-time GP!

