

Longlevens Surgery Newsletter April 2022

Moving forward

We would like to thank you for your understanding as we have had recent staff sickness in the surgery including Covid related illness. We are doing our best given the challenges including this and managing a higher level of ongoing patient demand.

Covid cases are still circulating in Gloucestershire at high levels, whilst face masks are no longer mandatory, we politely ask that if you visit the surgery you continue to wear one.

Pulse Oximeter

Have you been loaned a Pulse Oximeter and not returned it yet?
We need these handed back into the surgery ASAP in order to help other patients with Covid.

Easter Opening

We are closed on the following dates for Good Friday and Easter Monday:
Good Friday 15th April – Closed
Easter Monday 18th April – Closed
If you require medical assistance on these dates, please visit NHS 111 online, call NHS 111 or in the event of an emergency call 999.

Spring Booster Covid Vaccine

All patients aged 75 or over plus patients who are immunosuppressed are eligible for a spring booster around six months after their previous vaccine.



We will once again be offering these vaccines at Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, GL3 2JH. Our clinics are spread throughout March, April and May.



We will be contacting all eligible patients by telephone or letter over the coming

month to book their appointment. Do be patient, we will contact you at the appropriate time - we have enough appointments scheduled for everyone who is due a vaccine.

Please do not call the surgery - the booking process is managed by a separate team.

For more information about eligibility or to book an appointment please call our booking team on 07436030790, 07436030258. Please do not call the surgery directly.

Covid Vaccine 5-11 year olds

All 5-11 year olds will be invited for their first Covid vaccine. We will be offering these vaccines at Rosebank Health 153b Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5JQ. Parents/Guardians will be notified of how to book appointments via a text or letter with a link attached from our NSG PCN booking team. More information will follow next week.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Angela our Advanced Nurse Practitioner who is an expert in urgent care. You will likely speak to either Angela or Garrett if you need on the day urgent assistance. It will not always be a GP that calls you back. This is a new model of working and one that many Practices use. This frees up our GPs to deal with the more chronic conditions.

Please always think about other avenues of care before you call us. Self-management, pharmacy advice, Cheltenham minor injury unit 0300 4222222, Stroud minor injury unit 0300 4217777 (You must call this service – no walk in available)

Thank you and wish you all a very happy Easter.

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