



December 2022– Surgery Newsletter

Merry Christmas from all the Surgery Team

On behalf of the whole team at the Surgery, we would like to wish all our patients a very Happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SURGERY OPENING HOURS

The normal Surgery opening times are from 8.00 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Over the Christmas/New Year period the Surgery will be closed on Monday, 26 December, Tuesday, 27 December 2022 and Monday, 2 January 2023.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Please remember to order your December prescription in time for Christmas. You can order these up to 14 days before they are due, to ensure you don't run out over the Christmas period.

COVID BOOSTERS

We are running Covid Booster Clinics every Saturday up to and including the 17 December 2022. If you are entitled to a Covid booster and haven't had this yet, please contact the Surgery to book this. We are also able to give flu vaccinations at the same time to save you having to come in twice.

FLU CLINICS

If you are over 50 and still haven't had your flu jab, please contact the Surgery on tel. 01206 250691 and we will be able to book this for you.

BLOOD TEST APPOINTMENTS

With the increasing demand for patients needing blood tests, I am aware that we are not always able to offer patients an appointment for this as quickly as they would like.

I am pleased to let you know about the Phlebotomy Service at Clacton Hospital, who are able to offer appointments for blood tests seven days a week.

The opening times for the Phlebotomy Clinic are:-

Monday to Friday	08.00 to 19.45
Saturday and Sunday	08.00 to 13.45

If you wish to attend Clacton Hospital for your blood test you will need to ensure you take your blood test request forms with you. These can be requested from the Surgery, if one of our clinicians as requested you have a test. This isn't a walk-in clinic, so you will need to book an appointment in advance by contacting them on tel. 0300 303 5299. The lines for booking are open between 08.00 and 18.00.

Please remember the Patient Participation Group does not meet in December.

Sue Mitson - Operations Manager