

THURSO & HALKIRK MEDICAL PRACTICE

INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAMME 2020/2021

UPDATE (25 November 2020)

PHASE 2

Flu can be serious. This year more than ever, and because of Coronavirus, we would encourage patients who are eligible to take up the offer of flu vaccination.

We have now completed our Phase 1 vaccination programme. However, it is still not too late to make an appointment if you have changed your mind. Phase 1 included those aged over 65 years, or under 65 with a pre-existing condition. You can book by calling Reception on your usual surgery number.

We are now moving to Phase 2 and are offering flu vaccination to all patients 60 – 64 years old with no pre-existing conditions. It is likely that you will get a telephone call from us inviting you to attend our clinic. You may choose not to have the vaccine and we will note this in your record so that we do not call you again. **Note – Current guidance states 55 – 59 year olds will be offered vaccination later in December.**

Vaccine will be given during normal working hours. Please see below for details on what to do:

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms including a new continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell then you must not attend the surgery. Please seek advice from our Reception team about rebooking.
- Please attend your appointment on time. If you are early, please wait in your car but ensure you are in the surgery at the appointed time.
- Dress appropriately ie please do not wear multiple layers of clothing – a short sleeved top would be preferred.
- Do not bring any unnecessary items into the surgery with you.
- You must wear a mask. Although we will endeavour to ensure a 2m distance between patients, the nature of these clinics means this may not always be possible and therefore the wearing of a mask is essential. If you are not wearing a mask you will not be allowed entry into the building (although one can be provided if need be). If you cannot wear a mask you may have to rebook but please seek advice from our Reception team.
- If you cannot attend your appointment you must let us know as soon as possible so that your appointment can be given to someone else.

Please note the appointment time will be limited (5min or less) and will be for flu immunisation only.

Thank you for your help in delivering our flu vaccination programme.