

## **THURSO & HALKIRK MEDICAL PRACTICE**

### **INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

**2020 / 2021**

#### **Princes Street Surgery**

Due to the impact of Covid-19, we expect uptake for the flu vaccine to be greater this year. This coupled with further cohorts of patients now being eligible, means the system we have in place for delivering the flu vaccine will be different.

Flu vaccine will be given during the evening, or on a Saturday to lessen the impact on normal patient care, and to allow us to vaccinate the highest number of people in the shortest possible time, and therefore reduce the risk of serious complications from flu for our patients. Between September and November inclusive we will be vaccinating those over 65 years of age and anyone under the age of 65 with an underlying condition along with those under school age who are eligible. We will NOT be vaccinating those between the age of 55 and 65 years of age with no pre-existing condition until December. Further details on this will be issued nearer the time. We would ask you to help by ensuring the following:

- 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.

#### **Halkirk Surgery**

Flu vaccine will be given during normal working hours. Please call your usual surgery number for further details and to book an appointment.

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