

## ROSEDEAN HOUSE SURGERY



September 2020

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### 2020 FLU PROGRAMME – Autumn/Winter

Due to the COVID19 pandemic we are running the clinics slightly differently this year to safeguard patients, carers and staff. Clinics this year will be predominantly run out in the community as we must adhere to guidelines around social distancing which we cannot easily maintain during normal Surgery hours.

We have collaborated with Liskeard Methodist Church, St Cleer Memorial Hall, Menheniot Village Hall and East Taphouse Community Hall in order to provide the 'flu vaccine to our patients this season.

Our housebound patients and those in Nursing and Residential Care Homes will be vaccinated in September whilst all our other eligible patients in the 'at risk' groups will be appointed throughout October and November.

Clinics will be marshalled by our team of Patient Advisors, Volunteers and members of our Patient Participation Group.

#### Appointment bookings

Letters will be going out shortly and eligible patients will receive an invite to a local clinic (where possible) with their appointment time.

We would strongly encourage you to attend the assigned appointment slot to ensure you receive your vaccination in a timely manner. If you are unable to attend the appointment, please contact the Practice to rearrange after 11.00 am. Please be aware, however, that a new appointment may not be available for some time due to the nature of how we are running our clinics this year.

#### How you can help

- ~ Do NOT turn up without an appointment
- ~ Use the toilet before attending your assigned appointment
- ~ Wear a face mask – you will not be allowed to attend if you arrive without one
- ~ Wear a loose short sleeved top to easily allow access for vaccination. If the weather is cold please wear layers that you can easily and quickly remove such as cardigans or zip up jackets/coats.
- ~ Please do NOT attend if you are displaying any Covid19 symptoms such as high temperature, feeling feverish, have a sudden loss of taste or smell and unexplained gastric symptoms?

#### Eligibility criteria

##### Children:

- Children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2020—that is, children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2018
- Children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions
- All primary school children and children in year 7 of secondary school (vaccinations will be administered in school)

##### Adults:

- .You are a carer
- .Pregnant women
- .Chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as ; asthma (which requires an inhaled or tablet steroid treatment, or has led to hospital admission in the past), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- .Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- .Chronic kidney disease
- .Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- .Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), learning disability or cerebral palsy
- .Diabetes
- .Problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- .A weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medication such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy
- .Being seriously overweight (BMI of 40 or above)
- .You are 50 or over \*\*Please see below if you are aged between 50—65

#### Child Nasal Flu Clinics

Letters have already gone out to eligible children with three clinics running: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at **Liskeard Methodist Church** and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September here at the **Practice**.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

#### What will happen at your assigned appointment

- ~ Please arrive at your assigned time. Please do not arrive before or after your appointment. Do not forget to wear a mask/face covering
- ~ Present to the front doors of the building where you will be met by receptionists who will be wearing full PPE.
- ~ The receptionists will take your temperature using a non-touch thermometer and then ask you the Covid screening questions. If you answer positively to any of these questions or are displaying Covid symptoms you will be asked to return home and re-book your appointment when it is safe for you to attend
- ~ Upon passing Covid screening you will be directed into the building and asked to join a queue, keeping to social distancing markings on the floor
- ~ The queue will follow a one way system throughout the building (there will be marshals on site to help guide you)
- ~ Expose your shoulder/upper arm in preparation for your vaccine
- ~ When it is your turn the clinician will check your details and administer your vaccine
- ~ You will be directed to exit via a door that prevents you walking back through the building. The exits will be clearly marked and the marshals will be there to help guide you.

#### Clinic dates

##### Liskeard Methodist Church

Every Wednesday from 7<sup>th</sup> October through to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

##### St Cleer Memorial Hall

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

##### East Taphouse Community Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

##### Menheniot Village Hall

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

##### Rosedean House Surgery

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**Please note that all clinics may be subject to change depending on future developments with Covid19.**



#### 50-64yr olds

For patients aged 50 – 64 who are not in our at risk groups the NHS aims to provide flu vaccinations later in the year with the immunisation team at NHS England issuing the following statement:

*Please note that people in the 50-64 year old age group will **NOT** be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and **NO** appointments will be offered for this age group until then.*