

How and why is our flu delivery changing this year?

In 2017, the Scottish Government and the Scottish General Practitioners Committee (SGPC) agreed vaccinations would move away from a model based on GP delivery to one based on NHS Board delivery through dedicated teams.

As a result, the way in which the flu vaccination is delivered across the city is set for significant changes this year, as the location for immunisation shifts from GP practices to dedicated clinics.

This also comes at a time where we anticipate the number of flu vaccinations to increase significantly, with additional groups being offered immunisation due to COVID-19

Where will our clinics be located?

Clinics will be set up in several locations across the city including sports centres, secondary schools, churches and community centres. The team has worked hard to ensure that we have a number of venues in each locality area that are also on or as close to transport routes as possible

Who is eligible for a flu vaccination?

The following groups will be offered the flu vaccine:

- Children aged 2-5
- School children in Primary 1-7
- Pregnant women
- Health care workers
- Social care workers who provide direct care
- Unpaid carers
- 55-64-year olds (please note this cohort will not be invited until December 2020)
- Those over 65
- Anyone with an underlying medical condition such as asthma, COPD or diabetes
- Anyone who lives with someone who is in the shielding category

When will our flu clinics be running?

Our flu vaccine delivery will commence on a small scale at the end of September with a high proportion of our patients being invited to appointments over the school holidays. All our clinics will start with the over-65s and then we will move on to the 'at risk' adults, 'at risk' children, followed by the 2-5yrs group. Care home and housebound delivery will start to be delivered by our community nursing team from the end of September. Our extended flu programme for 55-64 years will not take place until December 2020.

What does a mass flu clinic look like?



How will patients receive appointments?

A letter will be sent to all patients eligible for a flu vaccine, inviting them to a venue providing a date and time. We are encouraging patients not to turn up any earlier than the appointment time so that we can maintain the health and safety of all of our patients. Please be aware that the venue that members of the public will be invited to is based on the GP practice that they are a patient at and not by the postcode of the address that they reside at.

How can my constituents find out information about flu delivery?

Our key public message is that flu immunisations will no longer be delivered by your GP practice but rather by dedicated teams at community flu clinics. We have also established the following to support members of the public to find out information:

Flu Helpline

We have set up a flu call centre to deal with flu queries and appointment changes / bookings. This number is 01224 555999

Website

We have created a website www.fluvaxgrampian.com which is now live and provides local information for public and staff. In addition patients are being signposted to www.NHSinform.scot through the letters that they are receiving centrally.

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Who should I contact if I have a question?

If you require any further information which you feel has not been provided in this information bulletin please contact us by email at: GRAM.cityflu@nhs.scot

We are continuously reviewing and evaluating our delivery models. We are aware that this is the first time that this flu clinics delivery model has been implemented and have built in an evaluation process into our delivery. This includes gathering feedback from our patients and staff which will be used to continuously improve and develop.

