

Flu vaccination policy and procedures due to COVID-19 pandemic

Flu vaccinations by GPs

- Collect data from PenCat4
- First target over 65 with chronic disease
- Over 65, 5-64 with chronic disease, ATSI, under 5
- Full Vaccination Day flu vaccinations and phone consultations only (no face-to-face general appointments)
- SMS/phone calls to first target group once flu vaccinations arrive
- SMS and phone calls to advise vaccination only
- GPs' hours 8am to 5pm
- 10 minutes per patient (51 patients per day per doctor)
- 2 Phone consultations booked per GP every 30 mins with a flu vaccination (to be monitored on first day to increase or decrease)
- Triage nurse at front of practice checking every patient before entering
- GP to give vaccination themselves leaving patient in their consultation room
- No consent form to be given to the patient/verbal consent to be documented in notes instead by GP
- 6 patients to wait in treatment room for 15 minutes after vaccination (1 patient per 4 square metres) with treatment room nurse
- Overflow to wait outside in dedicated area, 12 chairs to be available if possible (1 patient per 4 square metres) with triage nurse outside

Flu vaccinations by Nurse in the treatment room on every other day

- No GP is to put flu vaccinations with nurses in the treatment room without a pre-booked appointment
- 3 patients per 30 min (no more than 3)
- Spread out one every 2 hours
- No consent form is to be given to the patient/verbal consent to be documented in notes by the nurse
- Patients to wait outside for 15 minutes after vaccination in dedicated area outside with triage nurse