

## Eastside Surgery Flu Clinic Information - Oct 2020

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We are planning to run **Adult** Flu clinics every Wednesday afternoon in October. Time slots to attend the Flu clinics will be allocated to each patient. The number of patients per half hour will be capped. In keeping with PHA & COVID guidelines, social distancing measures and infection control procedures will be in place. Flu vaccinations can also be given by the Nurse /HCA by appointment.

We will be contacting eligible patients with valid mobile numbers by text. Patients with landlines will be contacted by phone, both during the month of September. We plan to work in half hour slots at the Flu clinics to allow for social distancing.

**Childrens Nasal Flu clinics** are by **appointment only** on Tuesday mornings.

If you attend a Wednesday afternoon Flu clinic, you must adhere to the following.

**If you are on an antibiotic you will not be given your flu vaccine at this time.**

- When attending - wear short sleeves or something loose on your arm
- Arrive at the surgery during your allocated half hour only
- Only person receiving vaccine to queue up (*exception: those with carers*)
- Queue - max 30 people per half hour
- Wear a mask
- Social distance from the person in front of you
- Sanitise hands – *sanitiser will be available on entry to the surgery*

A receptionist will be at the door and will be wearing PPE and will ask if you are currently on an antibiotic, if you are, you will be asked to return another day.

- Your temperature will be checked on entering the surgery, by a receptionist using a hand held thermometer.
- **Please do not sit down** when in reception
- If you do need to sit down, (*a seat can be provided*)
- The GP, Nurse, HCA who is administering your Flu/Shingles vaccine will meet you at **their consultation room door.**
- **Please do not sit down** in this room (*unless necessary*).
- Questions will be asked by the person administering the vaccine, including your smoking status
- Once the vaccine has been given – please leave promptly by the back door, taking into account, someone may be leaving from another room at the same time as you.
- Social distance at all times while in the surgery

Everyone in Eastside would like to thank you for being patient and for following the above instructions. We appreciate our Flu clinics in previous year have been informal and sometimes social, and we hope to return to this set up. However, due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, it has been necessary to put the above steps in place to protect both our patients and staff.