

Flu Clinics Update – 5th October 2020

Saturday Flu Clinics

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, we are unable to offer our usual drop-in flu clinics on Saturday mornings.

We will be offering appointment only flu clinics, with patients needing to book their appointments in advance, either

- Online via the practice website; priorymedical.org.uk, if patients have online access set up.
- Patients can download the NHS App from your smart phone's App store, and once registered book an appointment.
- Calling 0191 257 0223, after 2pm, when incoming calls volumes are lower.

Dates for patients over 65 years

Date: Saturday 17th October 2020 **Times:** 8am – 12pm

Location: Albion Road, North Shields

Date for patients under 65 years

Date: Saturday 10th October 2020 **Times:** 8am – 3pm

Date: Saturday 17th October 2020 **Times:** 12:30pm – 3pm

Location: Albion Road, North Shields

Appointment times will be offered so that 12 patients can be booked in, in each 10 minute appointment slot.

Please arrive for your appointment 5 mins before **[no earlier]** and follow social distancing guidelines, to minimise contact with other patients.

We will have a number of clinicians carrying out the flu vaccinations, and once your attendance has been confirmed, you will be directed to the next available clinician to be seen.

Tynemouth and Hadrian Park Branches

We will be offering limited flu clinic appointments through the week at our Tynemouth Branch, which can be booked via Reception on 0191 257 0223, after 2pm.

Childhood Flu Vaccinations for patients [Children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2018]

We are awaiting details of when the fluenz nasal vaccine will be delivered, we will hold dedicated clinics at our Hadrian Park branch, and will advise parents accordingly.

Patients aged 50 – 64

Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will **not** be vaccinated until November and December 2020, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then.

This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.

Face Coverings

We are recommending that patients who are attending the practice for a face to face appointment, with a GP or member of the nursing team wear a face covering.

Symptoms of Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Should you have any symptoms of Coronavirus;

- continuous cough
- fever,
- loss of taste or smell,

Then please isolate yourself and family members and arrange a COVID test as soon as possible via gov.uk or by calling NHS 119

Do not attend a GP practice, pharmacy or Hospital.

Should you condition deteriorate, then contact NHS 111 for advice and guidance. If you feel your symptoms require an emergency response, then contact 999.