

BOB Flu Up-date No 6 (23.09.20)

Primary Care - Friday Flu Update from Thames Valley-NHS England - was sent to all BOB Practice Managers on 18 September and covers information on:

- Vaccine Transfer Guidance- **in case you are running out of vaccine**
- Vaccination Agency Agreement
- Clarification on **the position with regards vaccinating the 50-64-year-old cohort**
- Transfer of Vaccine Information to GP Practice via FHIR/MESH
- Flu Media Campaign Update
- Flu Leaflet Available in Different Languages
- Childhood Flu Programme: Information for Healthcare Practitioners
- Pregnant or immunosuppressed members of staff giving the nasal flu
- Care Homes/PGDs
- Flu Vaccine Posters
- Pharmacy Quality Scheme
- **QOF Payments** for Flu
- Seqirus Vaccine Update
- CHIS letters for 2- and 3-Year Olds
- Vaccine Ordering for the 2020/21 children's flu programme
- Seasonal Influenza **DES Specification Updated**
- Flu Services Sign Up on CQRS

For additional copies of this guidance please contact your CCG

Two examples from successful Oxfordshire GP practice flu clinics

Dr Joy Arthur and team - Church Street Practice

The practice carried out appointments (that were booked online) at three minute intervals. This worked well and will be reduced to two minute intervals next time. Everything happened outside; the patient was checked in at an admin table and then directed to the queue for their gazebo. There were four gazebos, a clinician and administrator in each with two clinicians to allow breaks.

The Girl Guides directed people queuing for their vaccine. We are planning to do more of these at the health centre and also at four village halls.

Dr Vivienne Austin and team - Burford Surgery

We held a walk through clinic for over 65s only and vaccinated 550 people. We advertised the clinic before and let everyone know that it was walk-in only with no car parking. People queued to the reception desk where we took their names and added them to the list. We also asked for ethnicity so we can create a record.

There was a small queue to the marquee where the doctors were located. One doctor vaccinated those in the queue if the tent was busy. There was a one-way system in place. We advertised the clinic to run from 8am until 11am but first patient arrived at 7.10am and we had completed 150 vaccinations by 8.30am.

We believe that the clinics for under-65s will be more challenging as it is likely we will have to query more of the cases if newly eligible this year, for example we might need to confirm if the person is living with someone who is shielding and possibly turn away those in 50 – 64 year old age group as there will not be vaccines available until later in the season. We are considering more admin staff to be available at those clinics.

We had several emails from patients reporting how impressed they were with how quick the whole process was.

Reminder of guidance for eligible cohorts:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907149/Letter_annualflu_2020_to_2021_update.pdf

Household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient list, or of immunocompromised individuals, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation with a shielded patient on most days over the winter and therefore for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable

Household contacts of people on the NHS Shielded Patient list will not be subject to call and recall arrangements but will be offered the vaccine opportunistically, with the aim to offer to all identified.

At risk school aged children

NHS England has advised the following guidance from the annual flu letter:

At risk children who are eligible for flu vaccination via the school-based programme because of their age will be offered immunisation at school. However, these children are also eligible to receive vaccination in general practice if the school session is late in the season, parents prefer it, or they missed the session at school. GP practices should invite children in at-risk groups for vaccination, so that parents understand they have the option of taking up the offer in general practice.

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