

NHS Flu Season 2020/21 – Postcard 2

Are you ready? Although the Service Specification and PGD for this year have not been released yet, there is still plenty of preparation that can be done now in order to ensure each pharmacy team is ready when details are finally released and vaccines are in stock.

Latest **Flu Letter** published 5th August here: [Second flu letter 2020](#)

The major change to note is pharmacies can now vaccinate care home staff at the home as well as the residents.

Equipment & PPE Check you have all the necessary equipment ready to start vaccinating. Consider: large sharps bin, adrenaline auto-injections x 2, swabs or cotton wool, hand gel etc.

PPE Whilst final decision on PPE is still to be announced by NHS England/ Public Health England, we anticipate it will be:

- Mask and visor - worn for a session
- Apron and gloves – changed between each patient

Planning - When to do vaccinations? One size does not fit all, and every pharmacy is different, but things to consider when planning when you will provide flu vaccinations include:

- Block out sessions/ clinics in a diary and book people into them
- Consider running a session/ clinic outside of normal opening hours – Saturday afternoons/ Sundays/ evenings
- Not sure when you will be able to offer clinics yet? Collect name, phone number and vaccine required so you can contact patients to book them in once you know. Run 2 separate lists, one for over 65s one for under 65s
- If pharmacy is allowed to do off site vaccinations (request has been made to NHS England) are there any businesses you might approach?

Sharing ideas – if you have processes/ practices/ things that have worked for you in past years, let us know and we can share with others.



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