



Wandsworth Flu Bulletin 2020/21

Issue 2

Welcome to the second edition of the Wandsworth Flu Bulletin. We are all anticipating a challenging flu season this year so this bulletin is designed to provide regular local updates and resources to support you and your teams.

Alongside this, a new GP Team Net page is under development which will host SWL flu resources. Further information will follow.

Flu Immunisation Programme 20/21 – letter from SWL CCG

Please see the attached SWL CCG Flu Letter which was circulated on 21st August 2020. This includes local information on the following:

- Vaccine supplies
- Vaccine Infrastructure
- 50-64 age group
- Use of additional hours or extended access
- Text Messaging
- PPE



Reminder: 2020/21 NHSE Targets

- Over 65s - **75%**
- Clinical 'at risk' groups (6 mths to 64 yrs) - **75%**
- Children, primary school year groups - **75%**
- Children, age 2-3 - **75%**
- Pregnant - **75%**
- Frontline health care workers – **100% offer**

PPE Update

DHSC and PHE published revised infection prevention and control guidance on 20th August 2020 which can be accessed [here](#). The key change, which can be found at the bottom of page 14, is as follows:

In some clinical outpatient settings, such as vaccination/injection clinics, where contact with individuals is minimal, **the need for single use PPE items for each encounter, for example, gloves and aprons is not necessary**. Gloves and aprons are recommended when there is (anticipated) exposure to blood/body fluids or non-intact skin. Staff administering vaccinations/injections must apply hand hygiene between patients, wear a sessional facemask and clean down areas touched by patients.

Unregistered Patient SLA

Your Locality Manager has recently circulated the Unregistered Patients SLA and reporting template to you. This has been developed by NHSE and allows GPs to provide a flu vaccination to any patient who is not registered with a GP Practice. Please sign and return the form to Tanya Stacey(tanya.stacey@swlondon.nhs.uk) by Friday 4th September.

PGDs

The Patient Group Directives have now been published and can be accessed [here](#) or via these links;

- [NHSE&I PHE Inactivated Influenza PGD v08.00](#)
- [NHSE&I/PHE LAIV PGD v09.00](#)
- [NHSE&I/PHE PPV23 v03.00](#)

Is this helpful? We want this bulletin to be useful to you and your teams. Please let us know if you have any suggested content by emailing Tanya Stacey, tanya.stacey@swlondon.nhs.uk

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50-64 -year olds – please do not plan or offer vaccinations yet!

Message from the London Imms Team:

It has been brought to our attention that 50-64-year olds are trying to book in for flu vaccinations. The national flu comms lead has provided some information below that practices can use on their websites to inform patients aged **50-64 years that they will not be vaccinated until at least November, and only then if there is vaccine available.**

No 50-64 year old (other than those who are in the clinical at-risk group) should be invited to attend for a flu vaccine until there is confirmation from the national team that there is vaccine supply for this group. If you have any queries please contact the London Immunisation Team directly at england.londonimms@nhs.net.

Information for practice website: Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will not be vaccinated until November and December, 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 years old 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.

Other Useful Information & Training

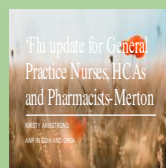
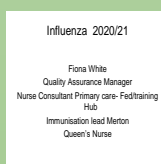
National Training

PHE have recently published Flu immunisation training recommendations for 2020/21. These can be accessed [here](#)

Please see the [link](#) to the eLearning programme for Flu Immunisation during the 2020/21 season. This is free to access after registration.

Practice Flu Webinars (led by Merton, open to SWL):

CCG flu leads meeting; Attached are the two presentations from the meeting, including suggested risk groups to prioritise. Video recordings can be accessed [here](#).



Other Important Documents:

Fridge Storage Guidelines are now available [here](#)

The **Flu Vaccinator Competency Assessment Tool** has been developed by PHE and is available [here](#).

Free Coaching Sessions #lookingafteryoutoo

There have been reports of staff feeling fatigued resulting in low resilience at this time. Please pass on [this link](#) for free coaching sessions.

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