



Community Pharmacy Flu Service 2023/24

Q: The patient cohort list states that education staff in East Ayrshire are being vaccinated privately this year. Can I vaccinate them if they present in my pharmacy?

A: Yes, and record appropriately on VMT. (It may be the case that a staff member was absent on the day that the vaccine provider was in their place of work)

Q: Are community pharmacy staff able to access free COVID and flu vaccinations?

A: Yes. A link was sent to book appointments. Flu can be administered from any community pharmacy and COVID vaccines are available from mass vaccination sites. Staff in the vaccination centres have been reminded that community pharmacy staff are patient facing and therefore entitled to COVID vaccine.

Q: When will all patients have received appointments to attend for vaccinations?

A: The vaccination programme for the most at risk cohorts has been brought forward and by Tuesday 3rd October ALL patients should have received details of their vaccination appointments. Remember it's important that you DO NOT vaccinate anyone with a future appointment at a vaccination centre as recording the flu vaccine on VMT will cancel the patients appointment for COVID/Flu at a vaccination centre.

Q: What do the vouchers issued to education staff in the North and South partnership areas and prison staff look like?

A:

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