

Influenza Vaccination Information

Granta Medical Practices are pleased to announce that they will be offering a complete flu vaccination service this year. The Department of Health have assured us that there will be no delivery problems, and this year we will be using a highly effective quadrivalent influenza vaccine.

Patients eligible for flu vaccinations include:-

- Anyone 6 months of age up to and including 64 years of age if they are in an “at risk” group, e.g. asthma, COPD, chronic heart problems, diabetes. If you are unsure if you fit into an “at risk” group don’t hesitate to ask.
- All patients 65 years and above, or who will be by 31/01/20.
- All children from the ages of 2 to 10 years of age. Those children who are in primary school education will receive their vaccination at school.
- All pregnant women.
- Those in long stay residential care homes.
- Those who are carers.
- Those who are in close contact with immunocompromised individuals.
- Those with a learning disability.

If you have any queries, or if you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our reception team.

Flu Clinic Dates

Saturday 5th October (morning)

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)

Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

Saturday 12th October (morning)

Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)

Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)

Saturday 19th October (morning)

Linton Health Centre (CB21 4JS)

Sawston Health Centre (CB22 3HU)

Saturday 26th October (morning)

Shelford Medical Practice (CB22 5FY)

Barley Surgery (SG8 8HY)

In addition, this year we will also be offering weekday clinics at all of our surgeries – please speak to our reception team for more details.

Granta patients can go to any of our surgeries to have their vaccination.

Private flu vaccinations

If you would like a flu vaccination but are not eligible for the free vaccination we also offer a private service via Granta Pharmacy for Granta patients. This is by far the easiest way of getting your private vaccination as we already have your medical records and there are no forms to fill in. Simply ring and book an appointment at any Granta surgery and pay on the day (£12.99).

Porcine Gelatine & Religious Beliefs

Vaccine acceptability for Muslim and Jewish communities Members of Muslim or Jewish religious communities may be concerned about using vaccines that contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

The following statement from representatives of the Jewish community may help some patients/parents/carers to reach a decision about having the vaccine. Rabbi Abraham Adler from the Kashrus and Medicines Information Service said:

“It should be noted that according to Jewish laws, there is no problem with porcine or other animal derived ingredients in non-oral products. This includes vaccines, including those administered via the nose, injections, suppositories, creams and ointments”. However, it is acknowledged that some groups within the British Muslim community may consider the porcine product to be forbidden. The final decision about whether parents have their child vaccinated is with them. In order to come to an informed decision, they should be able to consider the evidence about the advantages and disadvantages of the vaccination. They may wish to seek advice from their faith leaders or other community leaders.”