

Live engagement hour for Older Adults – 7 September

How soon are the flu vaccines going to be available?

The flu vaccine programme will be going live in the next few weeks. All colleagues will have access to a flu jab. To ensure COVID-19 safety we plan to deliver more vaccinations to colleagues via **clinics** this year.

- In the next fortnight **all colleagues will receive an email** asking where the most convenient location for you to attend would be. Please let us know whether this would be:
 - I. Close to home?
 - II. Or close to work?This email will include links to some questions and corresponding answers that colleagues have already raised. Please take a look but also raise any further questions you may have.
- Following your response to the first email, we will then contact you again by email to invite you to **book into a clinic**. This online booking process will include a **brief health questionnaire** and also a **consent form**, this is both to reduce paperwork and contact points when attending for your vaccine.
- Vaccination clinics will be run with the support of our **peer vaccinators** and some bank staff who have retired and returned. Please see above for more information about how to be a peer vaccinator.
- We will keep updating any **FAQs** throughout the campaign. If you've got a question please email the flu inbox at dhcft.protectmefromflu@nhs.net so we can add this to our communications.

Are there going to be any vegan vaccinations?

Unfortunately we are not able to purchase any egg free vaccines. You will need to get these vaccines through your GP, but please contact dhcft.protectmefromflu@nhs.net when you have received one.

Training passports: colleagues in my team are having difficulty booking on to courses and then the courses are then cancelled. Is there anything we can do to help complete or update our passports?

Over COVID lockdown, we extended the period of time where colleague won't be chased if their passports are out of date but we are trying to bring training back in. We need to be clear about what training is mandatory. We will look into this further and update you.

Is there any way of increasing opportunities of attending the induction programme? I have two members of staff ready to start but can not get on an induction programme until mid/end of October

Currently the induction programme is very limited to numbers, and we are running it twice monthly to help the demand. However we need to get people started. Managers can get colleagues started in their roles and induction can be completed at another date.

Has there been any research done on those that had the anti-bodies getting COVID again?

There is currently some research into this; however it has not been confirmed that having antibodies will stop you getting COVID.

Do we know how long the COVID vaccine last for?

I'm afraid we are unsure about how long the COVID vaccination will last for. We will update you when we are sure.