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| Flu Clinics | |  | In light of the risk of flu and COVID-19 co-circulating this winter, the national flu immunization programme will be absolutely essential to protecting vulnerable people and supporting the resilience of the health and care system.  For More information on Flu Vaccinations and COVID-19 you can visit the government website. |
| We recognize that this year’s flu vaccination campaign will come with more challenges for both patients and staff, due to COVID-19.  Flu vaccinations are one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health care system this winter.  Those most at risk from flu are also most vulnerable to COVID-19. We must do all we can to protect one another this flu season.  We have taken extra steps and careful planning to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to maximize the safety of patients while attending the surgery.  We will be delivering our flu programme in accordance with all government guidance and new methods of delivering the vaccines to patients. We will be conducting flu clinics in surgery as well as our new ‘Flu Drive-thru’. |  |

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| **New for 2020: Flu Drive-Thru** | |  | ImportantDates: |
|  |  |  | Flu appointments will be available to book from 1st September. The flu clinics and ‘Drive Thru’ will begin to take place from the week commencing Monday 7th September. |

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Marisco Medical Practice

Flu Season 2020/2021

Important Information

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| From us all here at Marisco Medical Practice we appreciate your co-operation at this difficult and unprecedented time. Patient care is at the upmost of importance to us.  We are ensuring that our patients and staff are kept as safe as possible while following NHS England and government guidance.    Thank you.  Please note that people in the 50 to 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. | Flu Drive-Thru | | |
| As we ensure that social distancing and government guidance is upheld we have created the Marisco Flu Drive-Thru.  This will take place on a number of dates throughout September, October and possibly into November. Patients will arrive at the surgery in their vehicles with all members of their household that require flu vaccinations, each vehicle will be directed to a gazebo where they will have their injection administered.  When booking your flu vaccination you will be offered a time slot on the drive-thru or alternatively you can book into a clinic in the surgery.  By doing this we will be able to reduce foot fall into the surgery and ensuring social distancing takes place. |  |  |
| Flu Clinics in Surgery | | |
| We understand that the Flu drive-thru will not be accessible to everyone and will still be hosting clinics in surgery.  We will ensure that there is sufficient time between each patient’s appointments to help patients to social distance effectively when waiting to be seen.  We ask that patients do not arrive too early or too late for these appointments as this will help to ensure a steady flow of foot fall into the surgery.  Government and NHS England guidance will be upheld at all times to ensure patients and staff is protected. |  |  |
| Eligibility and Information | | |
| Flu vaccinations will be offered to the following groups:   * All children aged 2 to 11 (but not older than 11). * People aged 65 years or older. * Those aged 6 months to less than 65 in a clinical risk group. * All pregnant women. * Household contacts of those on the NHS shielding patients list. * People in long term care homes. * Carers. * Health Staff. * Health and social Care staff. |  |  |