Flu Vaccinations

- The Flu Campaign is starting at the end of September this year.
- More patients than ever before well be offered a flu vaccination this year. we will be offering vaccinations to over half our patients.
- We appreciate your patience as we contact each group of eligible patients to attend for vaccines.
- We must prioritise our most vulnerable patients and vaccinate them first.
- Patients who are on **our shielding list** and patients who live with a shielding patient will be vaccinated at a priority **clinic at Midlothian Community Hospital**. These patients will **receive a letter** with further information on how to book their appointments.
- Housebound patients will be vaccinated by the community vaccination team. The practice will contact you with information on when they will visit you.
- Children in the 2-5 age category will have their Fleunz (nasal vaccine) organised by the Childhood Immunisation Team.
- Patients over 65 and under 65 in an **(at risk) category** will be contacted by the practice to arrange an appointment.

The services our practice provides will be reduced during the flu campaign, there will be some days that we will provide an emergency services only.

OUR LOCAL PHARMACIES WILL ALSO OFFER THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE FREE OF CHARGE TO PATIENTS WHO HAVE AN UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION.

SEE WEBITE DETAILS <u>www.nhsinform.scot/flu#how-to-get-the-flu-vaccine-in-your-area</u> OR The NHS Inform phoneline is also live on 0800 22 44 88.