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Important Flu Clinic Instructions:

This year the Flu Clinics will be running very differently due to the Covid-19 social distancing restrictions and the large number of patients requiring the vaccine:

- There will be **no** flu vaccine appointments in routine surgery time (Monday to Friday). Appointments will be offered in specially arranged clinics.
- Due to the current situation please attend your appointment alone, unless you have a carer or need assistance.
- You will need to enter and leave the surgery promptly and consider appropriate clothing that can be easily removed and replaced.
- The first hour of each clinic will be designated for those patients who have been shielding during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Please make the receptionist aware if you were advised either by letter or by telephone to shield during the pandemic. Should any shielding patients wish to come later in the clinic, they must be aware that they will be mixing with non-shielding patients.
- You must arrive at the surgery at the time you are allocated. You will not be seen should you arrive early/late.
- You will need to cancel your appointment if you develop any Covid-19 symptoms up to 14 days prior to the appointment (cough/fever/loss of taste or smell).
- If you are currently receiving any form of chemotherapy treatment – please contact your consultant for advice on the flu vaccination before booking an appointment.
- All clinics will be held at Castle Mead Medical Centre due to Covid-19 restrictions. All patients must wear a face covering

Please contact your registered surgery (Castle Mead or Pine Close) to make an appointment as soon as possible at one of the clinics.

If you do not wish to receive the flu vaccination, please either contact the surgery on the above telephone number to avoid further letters or text reminders.