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Rainford

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DRS LOWCOCK & VELTKAMP



Walk in Flu Clinics 2018

no appointment necessary – for eligible patients

Saturday 13th October between 09.30am and 12.30

Monday 15th October between 11am – 12 pm OR 4pm – 5pm

Wednesday 17th October between 11am – 12 pm OR 4pm – 5pm

Thursday 18th October between 11am – 12 pm OR 4pm – 5pm

Friday 19th October between 11am – 12 pm OR 4pm – 5pm

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK AND GET YOUR VACCINATION

The free flu vaccine is recommended for patients considered at risk, see below:

- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant
- have certain medical conditions eg diabetes, asthma, stroke, a weakened immune system, heart failure etc
- are very overweight
- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility
- receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- are a front-line health and social care worker although it is your employer's responsibility to arrange vaccination for you
- children over the age of six months to 17 years with a long-term health condition
- children aged two, three and four plus children in school years one, two and three. (These patients received the vaccination via a nasal spray)

DO NOT WAIT TO BE INVITED, JUST COME ALONG TO THE DROP IN CLINIC.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GP PRACTICE BY ATTENDING AT ONE OF THE CLINICS FOR YOUR FLU VACCINATION.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Why not sign up to receive an electronic version of our Newsletter. This will help to save the planet and ensure that you receive the Newsletter without having to visit the Practice. Go to our website www.rainfordhealthcentre.co.uk and click on “sign up for email newsletter” at the bottom of the home page.

TRAINING / PROTECTED TIME EVENTS – 2019/2020

The following dates have been allocated to us for training / protected time events. This means that from **1 pm on these dates the Practice will be closed**. The Practice will open again as normal the following day. In the event of an emergency please ring our normal number and you will automatically be transferred to our “out of hours” service.

25th April / 26th June / 26th Sept / 27th Nov / 27th Feb (2020)

Please note that Rainford Health Centre does not provide the following:

- For safety reasons, we do not accept prescription requests over the telephone
- We cannot change dressings in Surgery. This service is provided by the Treatment Room Nurses. Please ring 0800 953 0960
- We do not have the facilities to syringe ears. This is also provided by the Treatment Room as above.
- We no longer arrange hospital transport for patients. Patients can arrange their own transport by telephoning 0800 032 3240 and choose option 4

NHS provided chiropody services are only available for patients who meet the following criteria:

Those under 18 or over 65
Pregnant women
Those with a chronic medical condition including diabetes, peripheral vascular disease
Those registered disabled

CONTACT DETAILS

We can now take email addresses and you can choose to use this as your preferred method of communication – please speak to a Receptionist for details.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTION ORDERING

We are seeing an increase in urgent prescription requests. The practice require a 48 hour turnaround time to make a prescription ready for collection. Your local pharmacy also need time to order in medication and safely prepare your prescription. Urgent requests put increased pressure on both the practice and pharmacy. We therefore ask that you order your medication when you have a week's worth remaining.

HEARING AID BATTERIES

Hearing Aid batteries have not been available from the Community side of the Health Centre for the past two years. The GP Surgery still receive queries about this. Please ring Audiology on 01744 646027 with any queries.