

## **Swine Flu Vaccinations**

We will shortly be contacting patients to come in for their swine flu vaccinations. We will receive small batches of vaccine on a weekly basis so will call patients individually. This vaccine comes in vials of 10 vaccines therefore we will have to administer this as part of a clinic setting. The doctor or nurse will not be able to give you your vaccine at routine appointment.

It will be very important that if you can't come for your appointment that you contact us to avoid wastage of vaccines or appointment.

We will contact our patients who fall into the following age groups and who have the following medical conditions.

- 6 months – 65 years who fall into the clinical at risk groups
- Pregnant patients
- Immunocompromised patients - which will include patients having chemotherapy and who are on long term steroids.
- Patients who live in the same house as the immunocompromised patients
- 65 years and over who fall into the clinical at risk groups

Clinical At Risk Groups are:

- People with chest disease (including Asthma)
- Diabetes
- Kidney or Liver disease
- Heart disease
- Immune system problems
- Neurological conditions including stroke or MS
  
- Pregnant Women
  
- Close family members of patients with problems with their immune system