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Dear Colleague

Seasonal flu vaccination for clinical dental staff

This year, more than ever, it is important that as many dental practice clinical staff as possible receive the flu vaccine. Normally, dental staff are able to receive the vaccine from Trust occupational health services. However, at the moment it is not clear how Trusts will balance the delivery of the vaccination programme to primary care staff with restrictions designed to minimise Coronavirus transmission in the healthcare setting.

Irrespective of how this issue is resolved, you should be aware that dental clinical staff can receive the seasonal flu vaccine at community pharmacies. A map showing the location of all participating pharmacies and providing information on how the scheme operates is published on www.pha.site/CPFV

In the first instance, dental staff should phone the pharmacy and establish when the scheme commences and whether an appointment is necessary. Many pharmacies will also operate a flu vaccination scheme for members of the public for which there will be a charge. You should ensure that you make it clear **during the phone call** that you are to receive the vaccination under the health and social care workers scheme which is free at the point of delivery.

As soon as there is further information in relation to the Trust provided flu vaccination programme it will be forwarded to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Donaldson".

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