

Without doubt the COVID 19 pandemic has in many ways changed aspects of our lives. Some things may have become simpler and some have become more difficult.

Over the last several weeks NHS Grampian and Moray Council staff have been working hard to develop a programme for delivery of the primary school flu vaccine programme that will commence earlier than it has done in previous years.

The programme has been developed to start delivery for some schools before the children stop for the October break.

Although the NHS and Council staff have been working hard, they need assistance from parents/carers to help make this happen as smoothly as possible. If more people can be vaccinated against influenza this year it will help us in the effort to tackle COVID.

Primary school children will be receiving flu consent forms home during September, the vaccination date and date for return will be on the envelope. It is important that these are returned to the school within a week of them being issued, whether or not your child is to have the flu vaccine.

CONSENTS TO BE RETURNED BY 11th SEPTEMBER 2020

Why is this important?

Every consent form requires to be reviewed by the school nursing team to ensure all the relevant information has been included and if required call parents for clarification. This takes a significant amount of time and the school nursing teams have less time to do this before the delivery of the programme begins.

The return of the consent forms enables the school nursing teams to order the appropriate amount of vaccine for each school.

So please check your child's school bag regularly, complete the consent form and send it back to the school as quickly as possible (by 11.09.2020). Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards Moray School Immunisation Team