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Dear Colleagues,

Re: Prepare for Winter with COVID-19 Booster Vaccine and Flu Vaccine

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your teams for your hard work and dedication over the last few challenging years caring for the people you support.

The NHS has announced that all frontline social care workers are eligible for the seasonal COVID-19 booster vaccine and flu vaccine this autumn. I would encourage you and your teams to take up this offer to protect yourselves and the people you care for.

To help raise awareness among your staff of the benefit of having the COVID-19 booster vaccine and flu vaccine, please can you:

- let your staff know how they can get a free seasonal COVID-19 booster vaccine and free flu vaccine (details are below).
- display posters in your care setting when made available
- share the resources available at www.hcpa.info/staff-vaccinations/

COVID-19 Booster Vaccine

For more information on eligibility, vaccination sites and for the National Booking Service, please visit <https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/covid-19>.

Staff working in residential care settings may be offered the seasonal COVID-19 booster when residents receive their vaccines at the Primary Care Network (PCN) planned visit to their care home. If they are unavailable during the visit, staff can book a seasonal COVID-19 booster through the [National Booking Service](#).

Your staff will need to take to their appointment:

- a COVID-19 booster vaccine invite letter (attached; also available on request from the HCPA by emailing assistance@hcpa.info) **or**
- photo ID to prove where they work **or**
- a payslip

I would encourage all residential care settings to co-ordinate the planned visit with the visiting PCN partner to ensure all or the majority of your staff and residents are vaccinated in one visit. Please continue to update the vaccination status of your staff and residents on the Capacity Tracker.

Flu Vaccine

A free NHS flu vaccine is available at a GP surgery or a community pharmacy for any staff who work in a registered care setting. Please encourage your staff to either book an appointment via their GP practice or through a participating pharmacy.

Your staff will need to take to their flu vaccination appointment:

- a letter as evidence of employment – a template is also available on request from the HCPA by emailing assistance@hcpa.info
- a work ID badge.

GP practices have been encouraged to offer staff and residents the COVID-19 booster and the flu vaccine at the same time in CQC-registered residential settings where they can. However, the availability of vaccines means that this may not be possible. Please encourage your staff to take up the vaccinations they are offered at the earliest opportunity.

If you are not a CQC registered care setting but would like to organise flu vaccination for your staff, please email robin.trevellion@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

For more information about the COVID-19 and flu vaccination programme in Hertfordshire and West Essex, visit the vaccination section on the West Essex and Hertfordshire Integrated Care System's website:

<https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/covid-19>

Thank you for continuing to provide much-valued social care in Hertfordshire at such a crucial time.

Kind regards



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