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Some people may receive an invitation to come forward for a vaccination from their GP surgery or by letter from the NHS flu service. However, you do not have to wait to be invited before booking an appointment for your flu vaccination at your GP practice or pharmacy.   All primary school aged children and those Year 7 to 11 in secondary school will be offered their flu vaccination in school. Children aged 6 months to 2 years with a long-term condition will receive their vaccination at their GP surgery, while those from reception to Year 11, with a long-term condition, will be offered it either at school or at their GP surgery.   For most healthy people, influenza (otherwise known as flu) is an unpleasant but usually self-limiting virus. However, children, older people, pregnant women and those with underlying diseases are at a particular risk of severe illness if they catch it. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [> See the latest list of walk in services.](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/first-and-second-vaccinations/walk-in-vaccination-sessions/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Change in hours at Eastbourne Sovereign Community Centre** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The opening hours for walk in vaccinations at the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre are changing from this week.  Walk in vaccinations are now available at the service from 10am to 3pm Monday to Saturday.  The change is to make sure that everyone who has booked an appointment via the National Booking System can continue to receive their vaccination, as well ensuring there is an offer for people who would like to simply walk in.  If you would like a confirmed appointment, please book on the National Booking System - [Book or manage your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/)- or call 119.  New appointments have been added to the National Booking System for December for the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre this week. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Call for people with long term health conditions to come forward for flu jab** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This week the NHS is calling for people with long term health conditions to make sure they have their flu vaccination.  In 2020/21 over half (56.5%) of people under 65 with a long-term health condition received a flu vaccination in the South East.  So far this year, almost a quarter of people (23.2%) under 65 with a health condition in the region have already had the flu vaccine.  The flu vaccine is more important than ever; the prevalence of flu might be higher than usual, and that makes it a significant public health concern.  Getting vaccinated is an important part of looking after yourself and staying well.  Watch a [video of Dr Zaid Hirmiz](https://nhsengland.sharepoint.com/sites/SEregionsandsystemscampaigns/Shared%20Documents/General/Network%20update%20assets/Network%20update%2010%20November%202021/Flu%20content/Dr%20Zaid%20Hirmiz%20flu%20respiratory%20English.MP4) encouraging people with respiratory conditions to have their flu vaccine. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Your NHS COVID Pass can now be verified across venues in the EU and 16 other countries.  If you’ve saved your COVID Pass, as a PDF or to Apple Wallet, you’ll need to save it again to ensure it is up-to-date.  The COVID Pass within the NHS App will automatically update.  **Reminder - vaccines not showing on the NHS APP?**  A national Vaccine Data Resolution Service (VDRS) has been set up to help people with missing or incorrect vaccination records. However recent booster jabs may not show yet.   If you have been vaccinated in England, have a current NHS number and are registered with a GP practice in England then the service can help resolve issues with evidence of your vaccinations.   If you have missing or incorrect COVID-19 vaccination data, please call 119 and ask the call handler to make a referral to the VDRS team on your behalf. The VDRS team will then call you back within 5 working days.   Please note they cannot provide clinical advice and cannot assist at this time with queries related to vaccinations received overseas. If the query relates to personal information that is incorrect on a patient record (e.g. name, address), these will still need to be resolved by their GP practice. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **More information** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Much more information about the vaccination programme is available on our website, including details of the [services available in each area](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/covid-19-vaccination-sites/), [latest data](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/jabometer/), answers to [frequently asked questions](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/faqs-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/) and links to all the national leaflets and materials.  **PROBLEMS?, contact Andy Miller 01892 852 389, 07817 130 653** | | | |