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Dear Patient

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Invitation

You may be aware that because you have a health condition, are a carer or you will be aged 65 years or older on or before 31st March 2021 you are at greater risk of serious illness if you catch flu this winter. We therefore recommend that you have your free, annual flu vaccination to protect yourself against this risk. **This is even more important this year due to the current COVID 19 Pandemic.**

This year, following Government recommendations on social distancing, the doctors here invite you to attend our flu clinics at The Matford Centre, Marsh Barton Exeter or St Thomas Methodist Church (opposite St Thomas Health Centre). We have teamed up with Exeter City Council and Stagecoach to hold these events; **the first time any GP practice in Devon has held events like this to cover the population in such a safe way.** The size of the buildings allows us to offer a very safe environment with proper distancing for both patients and staff. Exeter City Council are helping with the organisation of the event at The Matford Centre, and it will be covered by local media. Extra bus transport is also being laid on as outlined on the attached map. We will not be holding flu clinics at our Health Centres this year.

You are therefore invited to attend and help us to take part in this important event:

Place: The Matford Centre, Matford Park Road, Marsh Barton, Exeter EX2 8FD

Date: Wednesday 21st October (9am – 4pm)

Place: St Thomas Methodist Church (opposite St Thomas Health Centre)

Date: Saturday 24th October or Saturday 31st October (9am – 4pm)

Please bring a face mask/covering with you

Please telephone the Health Centre on 01392 537534 to book your appointment. Do not turn up if you have not booked an appointment & please only arrive at your allocated time.

If you have a carer that lives with you, they may also be eligible for the free flu vaccine. Please let your carer know so they can ask their own GP. If you are housebound, please inform the Surgery so we can arrange for you to have it at home.

If you decide not to have the vaccination this year please let us know by completing the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter so we can enter this onto your medical records. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Administration Team

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Name:

GP:

I confirm that I do not wish to receive a flu vaccination this year, but understand that I will be offered the vaccination another year should I change my mind in the future.