

## Covid Vaccination for Community Pharmacy Staff

The COVID-19 vaccination is your best protection against coronavirus. If you have not yet requested an appointment for your vaccination then more details and an online appointment form can be found here: <https://nhsforthvalley.com/covid/staff-information/staff-vaccination/>

Information on the vaccine and frequently asked questions can be found on NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine>

## Loperamide

There have been some reports of patients attending community pharmacies for unusually large quantities of loperamide OTC or through Pharmacy First. There are some patient groups who may use this medication in an inappropriate way. Please be vigilant around this and ensure your teams are also aware.

## Community Pharmacy Opening Hours

Community pharmacies are reminded that should you require to alter your opening hours for any reasons please contact Carol Droubay ( [carol.droubay@nhs.scot](mailto:carol.droubay@nhs.scot) / 01786 457231) to discuss your situation.

## NHS Flu Service

Please remember that the NHS flu service runs until 31<sup>st</sup> March for all eligible cohorts including patients attending for IEP/OST. While the majority of patients have already been vaccinated the flu immunisation line is still operational and patients enquiring about a flu vaccination will be advised to contact one of the pharmacies offering the NHS service. Please ensure you keep a small amount of NHS vaccine in stock.