

## **Boots Flu Jab Voucher Scheme**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Q. Why should I get a flu jab – why is this important?**

A flu jab can help protect yourself and others from flu. Over time, protection from the flu jab gradually decreases and flu strains can change, which means last year's jab may not protect you from this year's strains. There may also be an increase in flu cases this autumn due to the lack of exposure to the flu virus last winter driven by reduced social interaction

#### **Q. What is a flu jab voucher?**

A flu jab voucher is a pre-paid voucher which can be used against the cost of a flu vaccination. The vouchers can be used at participating Boots chemists.

#### **Q. How do I get a voucher?**

Please complete this [form](#) to request a voucher.

#### **Q. Who is eligible for a voucher?**

All employees of the University of Nottingham WITH FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS are eligible.

#### **Q. I am eligible for a free NHS vaccination, can I still request a voucher?**

We would encourage anyone eligible for a free vaccination to try to get the vaccination through their local GP. However, we understand that vaccinations at GPs are limited, and some GPs have additional priority criteria. As such, if you have been unable to get a vaccination through your GP then you can still apply for a Boots voucher.

#### **Q. I don't have access to email how do I get my voucher?**

If you are an Estates and Facilities colleague, please contact your line manager who will provide details on how you can obtain a voucher. Posters providing details on how to request a voucher will also be displayed locally on staff notice boards.

#### **Q. I already have had a vaccination can I get reimbursed?**

No, the flu jab scheme is only available through the Boots voucher scheme.

#### **Q. How do I book my jab?**

Your voucher will provide you with all the details and a link on how to book your appointment. Please note we expect vaccinations to be in high demand so it is essential that you book in advance, most Boots stores will not have 'walk in' appointments available.

When booking your appointment, you will be asked some preliminary health questions/online consultation to ensure that the vaccination is suitable for you.

#### **Q. How long will the jab take?**

Appointments last approximately 10 minutes.

#### **Q. How long do I have to use the voucher?**

Vouchers will expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2023.

**Q. How long is the scheme open for?**

The vouchers expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2023 so please order your voucher no later than December 2022 to allow time for you to book your appointment with a participating Boots pharmacy.

**Q. Which outlets of Boots the Chemist can I use?**

You can use the [Boots winter flu website](#) or [store finder](#) to find a participating pharmacy.

**Q. Are there any tax/NI implications?**

No, seasonal flu vaccinations are considered a trivial/minor benefit so are exempt from tax as a benefit in kind.

**Q. Can I use a different chemist rather than Boots?**

No, the vouchers can only be used at Boots the Chemist. Boots have over 2000 participating pharmacies and the UoN has been able to pre-purchase vouchers at a discounted price.

**Q. Can I still have a flu jab if I've had the Coronavirus vaccination?**

For the latest advice on the flu vaccination please see the [Flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

**Q. Will the flu jab cover me for Coronavirus or other virus outbreaks?**

No, the flu jab protects you against catching the **flu** and passing it on to others. After the jab it usually takes around 14-21 days to be protected. It does not cover you for COVID-19.

**Q. I've filled in the form but not received a voucher yet?**

We expect demand to be high for the vouchers, we are aiming to respond to all requests within 10 working days.

For more FAQ's about the boots scheme and the flu jab please see the [Boots winter Flu website](#).