



Flu vaccination programme

Flu vaccination is now underway. It is a critically important public health intervention and a key priority for 2023 to 2024 to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures whilst continuing to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Last season saw a year of high flu activity, with excess deaths associated with flu the highest for 5 years (14,500 compared to an average figure of 13,500). This is the highest figure since the 2017 to 2018 season, when there were 22,500 excess deaths associated with flu.

Last season the vaccines were well matched to the predominant circulating strain, indicating that flu vaccination again last season had an important role preventing serious illness and keeping people out of hospital. The best protection against getting seriously ill and needing hospitalisation is to get the flu vaccine ahead of winter. Recent UKHSA modelling shows flu vaccination prevented over 25,000 hospitalisations in England last year, so we have clear evidence that the protection from last season's vaccine programme helped prevent a much worse winter – see [weblink 1](#).

This Vaccine Update Flu Special sets out the details of those who are eligible this year, which includes an expansion of the programme to secondary school aged children in Years 7 to 11. We also provide links to our flu publications including leaflets, letter templates, consent forms and posters, with leaflets translated into over 30 languages and provided in braille, British Sign Language, large print, simple text for those with low literacy, and easy read for those with a learning disability.

In light of risks presented by the new BA.2.86 variant of COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccination for adults has been brought forward. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time where it is operationally expedient to do so. See communication of 30 August 2023 from NHS England – see [weblink 2](#).

A winter vaccinations marketing campaign will launch early November running through to mid-December, encouraging the uptake of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. The campaign supports both vaccination programmes and focuses on pregnant women, at risk groups and for flu, also pre-school aged children.

We would like to extend
our thanks to all for their
hard work delivering
the programme.



Subscribe to Vaccine update [here](#). Order immunisation publications [here](#).
For centrally-supplied vaccine enquiries, email: vaccinesupply@ukhsa.gov.uk

Who is eligible?

The following are eligible for an NHS vaccine in 2023 to 2024:

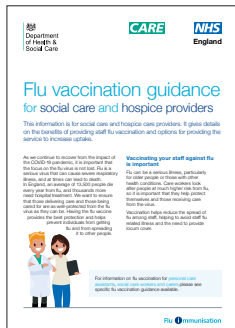
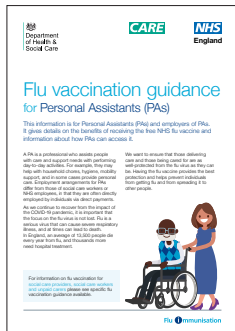
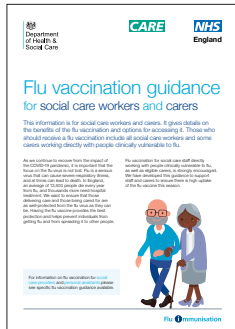
- all children aged two or three years old (on 31 August 2023)
- primary school aged children (from Reception class to Year 6)
- secondary school-aged children from Years 7 to 11
- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups such as those with:
 - chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as asthma (requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
 - chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
 - chronic liver disease
 - chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease
 - learning disability
 - diabetes and adrenal insufficiency
 - splenic dysfunction or asplenia
 - a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)
 - morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 and above)
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Locum GPs*
- frontline staff employed by the following types of social care providers without employer led occupational health schemes:
 - registered domiciliary care provider
 - Direct Payment (personal budgets) and or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants
 - a registered residential care/nursing home*
 - a voluntary managed hospice provider*
- those living in:
 - long-stay residential care homes or nursing homes*
 - other long-stay health or social care facilities*
 - a house bound Patient (defined in the ES specification)

- For further information see the tripartite annual flu letter published on 25 May 2023 and the amendment to the letter published on 3 July 2023 at [weblink 3](#).
- Links to GP Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Enhanced Service Specification at [weblink 4](#).
- Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Service at [weblink 5](#).

* Of the eligible cohorts listed above, those marked with an asterisk may be vaccinated by any general practice, regardless of whether they are registered with that general practice.

Frontline health and social care workers

All frontline health care workers, including both clinical and non-clinical staff who have contact with patients, should be offered a flu vaccine for the prevention of the transmission of flu to help protect both staff and those that they care for. Vaccination of frontline healthcare workers for flu continues to be an employer responsibility without an activity-based payment.



Social care workers directly working with people clinically vulnerable to flu should also have the flu vaccine provided by their employer. There are circumstances where frontline staff, employed by specific social care providers without access to employer led occupational health schemes (see eligibility criteria above), can access the vaccine through the NHS free of charge.

Trusts are eligible for a CQUIN payment for flu vaccinations where they achieve a minimum of 75% uptake amongst 'frontline HCWs on ESR', further details can be found at [weblink 60](#). Please note flu vaccinations delivered to non-frontline staff will not be counted towards the CQUIN indicator.

There is a recognised data collection to accompany the NHS Standard Contract (see 'Frontline healthcare worker COVID-19 and flu vaccination uptake collection' at [weblink 61](#)). This is the source for NHSE publication of frontline healthcare worker vaccinations and the basis for associated payments, such as the flu CQUIN indicator. For details on the government's official statistics (published by UKHSA) on vaccine uptake in frontline healthcare workers please see the 'Disease surveillance and vaccine uptake data' section on page 13.

Additional information on flu immunisation is available to download and order online for social care staff using product code F23SCSEN2 at [weblink 6](#), Personal Assistants using product code F23SCPAEN3 at [weblink 7](#) and Social Care and Hospice Providers using product code F23SCPEN1 at [weblink 8](#).

A 'Health and Social Care workers winter vaccinations communications toolkit' to support the uptake of vaccinations is available at [weblink 9](#).

Influenza chapter 19 of 'Immunisation against infectious disease' (the 'Green Book')

The influenza chapter in 'Immunisation against infectious disease' (the 'Green Book') gives detailed descriptions about clinical risk groups advised to receive influenza vaccination and guidance for healthcare workers on administering the influenza vaccine and is available at [weblink 10](#).



Every year the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) reviews the latest evidence on influenza vaccines and recommends the type of vaccine to be offered to individuals. For the 2023 to 2024 recommendations see [weblink 11](#).

A list of all influenza vaccines marketed in the UK (including details of ovalbumin content) is available on GOV.UK at [weblink 13](#).

For more information on children's flu vaccines see later section.



The updated flu immunisation training recommendations were published in August 2023 at [weblink 15](#). These include recommended training requirements by workforce group for influenza vaccination Appendix A at [weblink 16](#), suggested content that should be covered in theoretical and/or work based training Appendix B at [weblink 17](#) and a competency assessment tool for new influenza vaccinators Appendix C at [weblink 18](#).

If training is not available locally, all those who advise on or administer influenza vaccines are recommended to complete the flu specific e-learning programme at [weblink 19](#) which is updated annually and is available free of charge with open access for all on the e-Learning for Healthcare (eLfH) website at [weblink 20](#). This e-learning programme consists of a core knowledge module, separate modules on the inactivated and live influenza vaccines and accompanying knowledge assessments for each module.

The national flu immunisation programme for 2023 to 2024 slide set is available to download at [weblink 21](#) and a “flu vaccination programme 2023 to 2024: information for healthcare practitioners” document at [weblink 22](#), containing information about the current influenza programme, the vaccines available and commonly raised issues for influenza vaccination has also been published.

Flu vaccine programme 2023 to 2024

as a result of non-pharmaceutical interventions in place for COVID-19 (such as mask-wearing, reduced social contacts and observational travel) influenza activity levels were relatively low globally in H2 2020 to 2021 and 2021 to 2022 seasons.

The impact of contact reduction to pre-pandemic conditions, the number of flu cases in the 2022 to 2023 season was similar to those observed during the COVID-19 pandemic seasons, returning to the levels seen pre-pandemic.

Our findings also indicated that pandemic deaths in England associated with the infection were higher (14,560) than the average figure (13,580) for the 5 years before the pandemic and there were more deaths from COVID-19 than the average for the same period.

COVID-19 seasons to circulate, there is the potential for co-circulation of influenza, COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses.

It is therefore vital that everyone who is eligible for vaccine offered the opportunity to receive it for the 2023 to 2024 (season), as expanded flu programme includes those aged 50 to 74 and some people aged 75 and over. The 2023 to 2024 season 2023 to 2024 will also include older adults not registered for vaccination.

People aged 65 and over are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. People aged under 65 (children from reception to year 11) should be offered flu vaccine in the 2023 to 2024 flu season.

Essential further reading

- please ensure that you read the [national flu immunisation programme 2022 to 2023](#) letter and the new short statement published 2 July 2022
- these provide key information about this year's flu programme
- it is recommended that you regularly check the [UKHSA Vaccine flu programme](#) webpage during the flu vaccination period as any further information that becomes available about the programme will be published there
- www.gov.uk/government/consultations/flu-vaccination-2022-to-2023-flu-season
- also read the latest [Green Book influenza chapter](#)

Key messages

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Aims of resource

- develop the knowledge base of healthcare practitioners regarding the 2023/2024 seasonal flu vaccination programme
- support healthcare practitioners involved in discussing flu vaccination with those eligible by providing evidence based information
- promote high uptake of flu vaccination in all eligible groups by increasing the knowledge of those involved in delivering the vaccination programme
- provide information on the administration of flu vaccines

Learning outcomes

- On completion of this resource, healthcare practitioners will be able to:
 - describe the cause of flu
 - understand how flu is transmitted and the possible effects of flu
 - understand the evidence base for the administration of flu vaccination to those in clinical risk groups, to children and to those aged 65 years and over
 - explain which vaccines should be used and the precautions and contraindications to the administration of these
 - explain the sequence of steps in flu vaccine administration
 - explain the possible side effects from flu vaccines
 - understand the importance of their role in promoting and providing evidence based information about flu vaccination to patients
 - identify sources of additional information

Patient Group Directions

Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for the 2023 to 2024 influenza season are available via the main webpage at [weblink 23](#). These include a PGD for live attenuated influenza vaccine, the LAIV PGD, and a separate inactivated influenza vaccine PGD. Practitioners must not use these PGDs until they have been authorised in Section 2. This is a legal requirement in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 at [weblink 24](#). Practitioners should follow local policy/procedures to access authorised PGD documents.

There is a separate PGD for the community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccine service which is authorised nationally by NHSE and published on the associated NHS webpage for the community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccine service at [weblink 25](#).

National protocol for inactivated influenza vaccine

For the 2023 to 2024 influenza season, there is a national protocol for the administration of inactivated influenza vaccine to individuals eligible for vaccination as part of the nationally commissioned influenza vaccination programme. The national protocol allows for a mixed workforce model for vaccination similar to that used for COVID-19 vaccination. In accordance with the national protocol for inactivated influenza vaccine at [weblink 26](#) administration of inactivated influenza vaccine may be by appropriately trained persons, following assessment of the individual by a specified registered professional as detailed in the national protocol.

Public facing marketing campaign

This year the national marketing campaign which supports uptake of this winter's essential vaccinations – influenza and COVID-19 boosters – will launch early November, running through to mid-December. The integrated campaign supports both vaccination programmes, targeting cohorts where uptake is traditionally lower; pregnant women, parents of 2-3s (flu only) and those with underlying health conditions.

The campaign narrative sets out that both influenza and COVID-19 spread more easily in winter and can be life-threatening, but that those eligible can protect themselves by having the flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, helping to reduce the serious illness these diseases can cause, should they catch one of them. The call to action is: Get Vaccinated. Get Winter Strong.

The campaign will launch with broadcast radio and video on demand, digital and multicultural marketing advertising supported by search, PR and partnership activity.

Printed materials will be available to order from the Campaign Resource Centre – see [weblink 27](#).

Public facing communication resources

A public facing communications toolkit ("Autumn- Winter 2023 Communications Toolkit"), posters/ display materials and a pack of social media materials are now available on Future NHS at [weblink 28](#). Because assets are being updated regularly, please bookmark this link and refer to the latest version rather than working out of a saved local version.



Communications resources to support winter flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for health and social care professionals

To support flu and COVID-19 vaccination uptake amongst eligible frontline health and social care workers, the staff-facing communications toolkit is now available on the Campaign Resource Centre at [weblink 29](#). The pack includes more than 80 designed assets (posters including customisable versions, social cards, leaflets, sticker templates).

Flu publications available to order

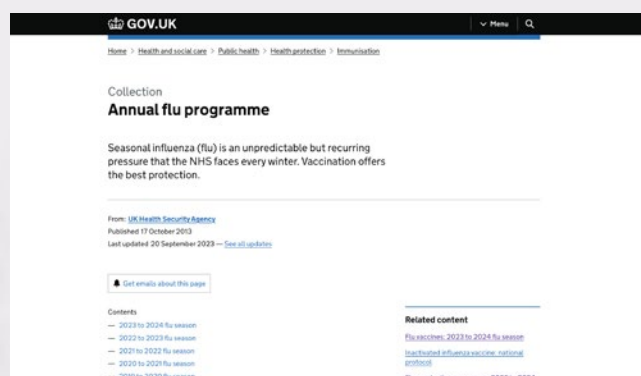
Leaflets remain an effective way of communicating the need and the benefits of having a vaccine and inform the consent process. It is important that people receive a leaflet in a format that meets their needs. Accessible versions are an important resource to improve uptake in underserved communities. We also want everyone to have a positive vaccination experience and having accessible information is part of that experience.

Our leaflets and resources are all available to download and many can also be ordered. We have a wide range of leaflets in translated versions, simple text, Easy Read, large print, braille, video British Sign Language versions, and easy read and video for those who have a learning disability.

There are also HTML versions which are text only. This helps search engines on the web that look for content, people who use screen readers and assisted technology. HTML versions can also be signposted to in e-consent forms which need to include leaflets when asking for consent. If using e-consent it is important to recognise that not all parents and carers have access to digital resources, so it is important to provide the leaflets as paper copies as well.

Schools and the school aged immunisation service can identify which accessible versions would be helpful for their cohorts. For example, if there are students who are deaf or use British Sign Language (BSL), they can make the videos available on screens or share the link with parents and children. It is important to recognise that many BSL users rely on BSL resources as written literacy in this group can be lower.

Stay up to date with all of the publications to support the annual flu programme at [weblink 30](#).



Main leaflets



Protecting your child against flu – information for parents and carers

Available in 29 languages this leaflet is for parents and carers. It explains why children are eligible for a flu vaccination, as well as describing the disease and the nasal flu vaccine.

Copies can be downloaded and or ordered from [weblink 31](#) using product code: 2023FCEN for the English version.

Paper copies of this leaflet are available to order for free or download in the following languages: [English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional Cantonese\)](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

An [English large print](#) version is available to order.

A [Braille version](#) of this leaflet is available to order.

A British Sign Language video of this leaflet is available to [view](#) or [download](#).

An [audio version](#) is available to download.

Please note the images on the translated versions, large print, audio and braille differ to the English version.



Protect yourself against flu: information for those in secondary school

This leaflet is aimed at young people and explains they are eligible for a flu vaccination, as well as describing the disease and the nasal flu vaccine.

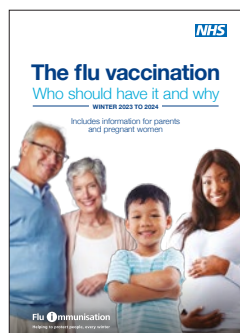
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A [Braille version](#) of this leaflet is available to order.

An [audio version](#) is available to download.

A British Sign Language video of this leaflet is available to [download](#).



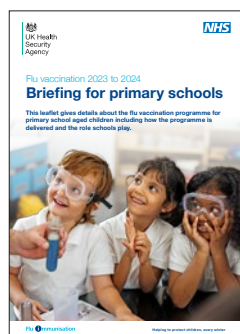
The 'Flu vaccination: who should have it and why' leaflet

Available in 32 languages this leaflet explains to patients how they can help protect themselves and their children against flu this winter. It includes information about eligible children, adults and pregnant women.

This leaflet can be downloaded and ordered using product code F23MW1– see [weblink 33](#). Paper copies of leaflet are available free to order or download in the following languages: Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Chinese Traditional, Chinese Simplified, Estonian, Farsi, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Panjabi, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Romany, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrinya, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Yiddish and Yoruba.

Copies will also be available in accessible formats including audio, braille, British Sign Language (BSL) video and large print.

Guidance and resources for schools



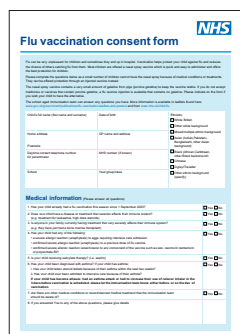
Flu Vaccination Programme 2023 to 2024: Briefing for primary schools

This leaflet gives details about the flu vaccination programme for primary school aged children including how the programme is delivered and the role schools play. It can be downloaded and ordered using product code: 2023FBS1 at [weblink 34](#).



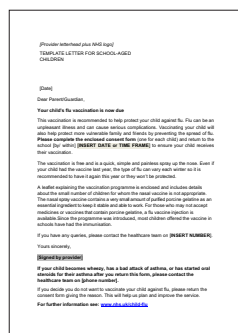
Adolescent vaccination Programme: Briefing for secondary schools

This guide explains the different adolescent NHS vaccination programmes delivered to children in secondary schools and the important role that schools play in the delivery of these programmes. It includes information on the flu vaccination programme. The document product code FLU23SC can be downloaded Health Publications at [weblink 35](#).



Flu vaccine consent forms

This year the vaccine consent forms for the nasal spray vaccine and flu vaccine by injection have been combined into a single form, available for school aged immunisation service providers to download at [weblink 36](#).



Letter template inviting school aged children for vaccination

A letter template for school age immunisation provider teams to use can be downloaded at [weblink 37](#).



5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu – primary school version

This poster aimed at parents explains the benefits of vaccinating children against flu. It is available as translated versions.

Copies can be downloaded or ordered as paper copies using the product code 2901251E1 at [weblink 38](#).

This poster is available free to order in the following languages: [English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Brazilian](#), [Portuguese](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Punjabi](#), [Polish](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

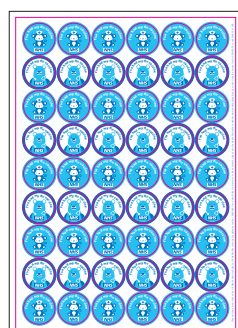


5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu – secondary school version

This poster aimed at parents explains the benefits of vaccinating children against flu. It is available as translated versions.

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Stickers

Stickers are available for healthcare practitioners to give to children who have received a flu vaccine either at their GP practice or school.

There are 72 stickers per sheet. These can be ordered from [weblink 63](#)



Simple text versions



Aimed at individuals with a low reading age, simple text versions “All about flu and how to stop getting it”, are available to download and order at [weblink 40](#).

All about flu and vaccination – simple text for adults

This can be downloaded and ordered using product code FLU2021STA at [weblink 41](#).



All about flu and vaccination – simple text for children

This can be downloaded and ordered using product code FLU2021STC at [weblink 42](#).

Resources for those with a learning disability



Several resources are available for those with a learning disability. They are aimed at people who have a learning disability or who have autism or who care for someone with a learning disability. They provide advice on the flu virus and why you need a vaccine every year at [weblink 43](#).

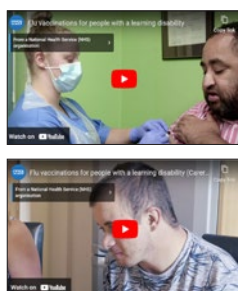
Protect yourself from flu: easy-read leaflet

You can order the easy-read leaflet using code EASYREADFLU1 at [weblink 44](#).



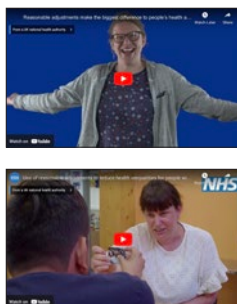
Protect yourself from flu: Easy read poster

You can order the easy-read poster using code EASYREADFLU2 at [weblink 45](#).



Flu vaccination films for people with a learning disability and autistic people and their family or carers

Two short films about the importance of the flu vaccination for people with a learning disability and autistic people with certain health conditions. The film covers why it is important, who is eligible for a free vaccine, where you can get the vaccine and reasonable adjustments (see [weblink 46](#) and [weblink 47](#)).



Reasonable adjustments

The importance and range of reasonable adjustments that can be made so people with a learning disability or other disabilities have good access to healthcare is explained in this film. Resources and tools to support this legal requirement can be found on the website at [weblink 48](#).

Flu vaccination for pre-school children



Immunising preschool children against flu

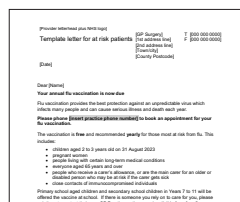
Available to download, this leaflet at [weblink 49](#) is about the annual flu vaccination programme for preschool children. It informs those working in the early years sector about the programme and how they can support it. It is aimed at nursery and preschool managers and staff, and childminders delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, and those who provide informal childcare, such as nannies.

Letter templates for General Practice



Flu vaccination: letter template for children aged 2 and 3 years

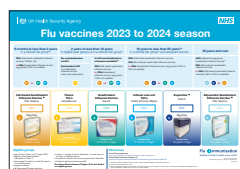
GP practices can use this template to invite parents and guardians to get their child vaccinated at the local surgery at [weblink 50](#).



Flu vaccination: letter template for at risk patients and carers

Template for GPs to invite patients at risk of flu due to a medical condition, pregnancy or age, and those who receive a carer's allowance or are the main carer for an older or disabled person, to have their annual flu vaccine at [weblink 51](#).

Resources for healthcare professionals



Flu vaccines: 2023 to 2024 flu season

Poster showing the different types of flu vaccines available for the 2023 to 2024 flu season and the clinical risk groups that they apply to. This is a download only document at [weblink 52](#).



Flu vaccines for children and young people

A quick reference guide to the childhood flu vaccines for winter 2023 to 2024, download only, is available at [weblink 53](#).



GP best practice guidance: Increasing flu vaccine uptake in preschool children

This resource sets out steps that General Practice can take to improve flu vaccine uptake in children aged 2 and 3 years old. This document can be downloaded from [weblink 54](#).

British Islamic Medical Association Flu Resources



The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) have produced 2 resources which explain the benefits of flu vaccination, the Islamic position on taking up the vaccine, and how to weigh up whether your children should have the nasal spray vaccine given the porcine gelatine content and conflict with a halal diet. BIMA are happy to be contacted for any local queries on info@britishima.org and you can download these resources from [weblink 55](#).

Disease surveillance and vaccine uptake data

Influenza and COVID-19 disease surveillance reporting is combined into one report to create the 'Weekly national Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance Report' which is published weekly on Thursdays at 14:00. For the 2023 to 2024 season the data will be available at [weblink 56](#).

The report summarises information from the surveillance systems which are used to monitor influenza, SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), and other seasonal respiratory viruses in England. As per previous seasons from week 41 (12/10/2023) onwards 'top lines' on vaccine uptake by cohorts will be included in the weekly surveillance report.

The government's official statistics on vaccine coverage for eligible GP registered patients, school-aged children and frontline healthcare workers are managed through the ImmForm website at [weblink 57](#). This data is used to formally evaluate the programme year-on-year. For the 2023 to 2024 season monthly vaccine uptake will be published as official statistics at 14:00 on the following dates:

School Age Manual survey collection	Pre-release Date 2PM	Publication Date 2PM
October	Wednesday 22 November 2023	Thursday 23 November 2023
November	Wednesday 20 December 2023	Thursday 21 December 2023
December	Wednesday 24 January 2024	Thursday 25 January 2024
January	Wednesday 21 February 2024	Thursday 22 February 2024

Frontline HCWs Survey (Flu and COVID-19)	Pre-release Date 2pm	Publication Date 2pm
October	Wed 22 November 2023	Thu 23 November 2023
November	Wed 20 December 2023	Thu 21 December 2023
December	Wed 24 January 2024	Thu 25 January 2024
January	Wed 21 February 2024	Thu 22 February 2024
February	Wed 20 March 2024	Thu 21 March 2024

GP Survey Month	Pre-release Date 2pm	Publication Date 2pm
October	Wed 22 November 2023	Thu 23 November 2023
November	Wed 20 December 2023	Thu 21 December 2023
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January	Wed 21 February 2024	Thu 22 February 2024
February	Wed 20 March 2024	Thu 21 March 2024

Further communication on data collection tools, collection timelines, and user guides will be shared with stakeholders separately. For any queries related to the data collections or official statistics, please contact the relevant mailbox as follows:

- Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of school age winter 2023 to 2024: ChildFluvac@ukhsa.gov.uk
- Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in GP patients: winter 2023 to 2024: Influenza@ukhsa.gov.uk
- Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in healthcare workers: winter 2023 to 2024: HCWvac@ukhsa.gov.uk

Links to the monthly data for the 2023 to 2024 season will be published at [weblink 58](#).

Note that as for previous seasons there will be specific webpages for each collection, but the webpage addresses are not available in advance of the pages being published. However, the collections will be named as follows:

- Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in school age children: winter season 2023 to 2024
- Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in frontline healthcare workers in England: winter season 2023 to 2024
- Seasonal influenza vaccine uptake in GP patients in England: winter season 2023 to 2024

Vaccines for the 2023 to 2024 children's flu programme supplied by UKHSA

All flu vaccines for the 2023 to 2024 children's flu programme are available to order by NHS providers in England via UKHSA's ImmForm website.

UKHSA does not supply any flu vaccines for patients aged 18 years and over.

Please refer to guidance from your respective health departments for arrangements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Vaccines and availability

The 2 vaccines available and the groups these vaccines should be ordered for are shown in the table below. The latest and most accurate information on availability of centrally supplied vaccines for the children's flu programme is available on the ImmForm news page at [weblink 59](#) at all times. It is strongly advised that all parties involved in the provision of influenza vaccines to children ensure they remain up to date with this.

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Available to order for
Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV)	AstraZeneca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children from 2 years of age to school year 11; and Children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years*
Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc)	Seqirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to <2 years All other eligible** children aged 2 to <18 years for whom LAIV is unsuitable

*unless LAIV clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable

** Children from 2 years of age to school year 11, and children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years.



Subscribe to Vaccine update [here](#). Order immunisation publications [here](#).
For centrally-supplied vaccine enquiries, email: vaccinesupply@ukhsa.gov.uk

LAIV ordering information for General Practice

Ordering controls are place for general practices, to enable UKHSA to balance supply with demand. These controls work by allocating an amount of LAIV based on the number of registered eligible patients and are tailored to each practice.

Each GP practice has initially been allocated sufficient LAIV to vaccinate at least 50% of their eligible patients (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years). Please note that:

- Increases to these allocations may be made in response to demand and vaccine availability.
- Requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the ordering period. Requests for additional vaccine should be sent to the Immform helpdesk (helpdesk@immform.org.uk) and should be sent in good time before your order cut-off. Out of schedule deliveries will be by exception only.

You can view how many packs of LAIV your practice has available to order at [weblink 62](#) to the allocation report (you will be asked to log in with your ImmForm credentials). You will then need to select:

- Stock management reports; followed by
- Products available to order (Allocation managed) report

Please note that this report is not updated in real-time and so may not account for any orders or allocation amendments made within the last 30-45 minutes.

Multi-Branch Practices and LAIV allocations

Please note that GP practices or groups that operate over multiple sites but are part of the same organisation will have a joint allocation (as in previous years), even where each site has a unique ImmForm account. This means that it is possible for one site to potentially order all of the available vaccine for the group, unless there is local agreement on how the allocated volume is shared. UKHSA recommend that this agreement is in place before ordering opens to reduce the risk of supply interruption.

LAIV ordering information for school-age providers

School providers are able to place 2 orders and receive 2 deliveries of LAIV per week, to assist in the management of vaccine volumes required across limited storage space at delivery points. This operates on a 48-hour delivery schedule requiring the order to be placed before the 11.55am cut off 2 working days before the required delivery day. The table below illustrates the respective delivery days versus ordering day.

Order day (before 11.55am cut off)	Delivery day
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

Customers must ensure that the point of delivery will be open and staffed between 9am and 5pm on the delivery day when placing orders for LAIV.

Please note that this does not affect the routine ordering and delivery schedule of any other vaccines (including inactivated flu vaccines) ordered from ImmForm and is applicable to Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) only.

A default weekly ordering cap of 450 packs (4,500 doses) per week is in place for school provider accounts.

Where this cap is insufficient and a provider needs a larger weekly volume of vaccine to deliver the programme (for example where a provider covers a large area using a single account), a higher weekly cap should be requested via the UKHSA Flu Vaccine Operations team by emailing childfluvaccine@ukhsa.gov.uk. Please ensure requests are sent at least 2 working days before an order is needed to be placed against the higher cap, to allow time for your account to be set up correctly.

For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via helpdesk@immform.org.uk.

Inactivated flu vaccine ordering

The Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc) is available to order, in a single dose pack, for:

- Children in clinical risk groups aged from six months to less than 2 years old;
- Children aged from 2 to <18 years old in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable; and
- Healthy children from 2 years old to those in school year 11, for whom LAIV is unsuitable (for example, due to objection to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content)

Order controls are also in place for this vaccine as follows:

- For GPs, there is an initial cap of 10 doses/packs per week
- For school-age providers, there is a cap of 450 doses/packs per week

For one-off larger orders of inactivated vaccines, requests should be made via helpdesk@immform.org.uk in good time before your order cut-off.

All influenza vaccines for the 2023 to 2024 season

Information on all influenza vaccines that have been marketed in the UK for the 2023 to 2024 season are available at **weblink 57**.

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All influenza vaccines marketed in the UK for the 2023 to 2024 season

Supplier	Product	Vaccine type	Age indications	Contraindications/contraindications	Contents
AstraZeneca UK Ltd	Fluenz® Tetra	Quadrivalent LAIV (live attenuated influenza vaccine)	From 24 months to less than 18 years of age	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)
Sanofi	Quadrivalent influenza vaccine	QIVc (inactivated egg protein, quadrivalent influenza vaccine, surface antigen, inactivated)	From 6 months	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)
Novartis	Influvax® quadrivalent influenza vaccine	QIVc (inactivated egg protein, quadrivalent influenza vaccine, surface antigen, inactivated)	From 6 months	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)
Cell Signalling UK	Cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine	QIVc (cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine, surface antigen, inactivated)	From 6 months	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)
Sanofi	Quadrivalent influenza vaccine	QIVc (inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent, surface antigen, inactivated)	From 18 years	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)
Cell Signalling UK	Quadrivalent influenza vaccine	QIVc (inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent, surface antigen, inactivated)	From 18 years	None	0.5ml x100 (100 doses)

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Non routine vaccination supply

HEPATITIS A VACCINE

Adult

- **GSK:** supply of Havrix Adult PFS singles and packs of 10 are currently available
- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Avaxim PFS singles and packs of 10 are currently available
- **MSD:** VAQTA Adult is available

Paediatric

- **GSK:** supply of Havrix Paediatric singles and packs of 10 are currently available
- **MSD:** VAQTA Paediatric is available
- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Avaxim Junior singles are currently available

HEPATITIS B VACCINE

Adult

- **GSK:** Engerix B PFS singles and packs of 10 are currently available
- **GSK:** Supply of Fendrix is currently available
- **MSD:** HBVAXPRO 10 µg is available
- **MSD:** HBVAXPRO 40 µg is available
- **Valneva:** PreHevbri is available

Paediatric

- **SK:** Supplies of Engerix B Paediatric singles is currently available
- **MSD:** HBVAXPRO 5µg is available

COMBINED HEPATITIS A & B VACCINE

- **GSK:** Twinrix Adult singles and packs of 10 are available.
- **GSK:** Twinrix Paediatric is currently available
- **GSK:** Ambirix is available

COMBINED HEPATITIS A & TYPHOID VACCINE

- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Viatim is now a discontinued product and no longer available for sale

TYPHOID VACCINE:

- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Typhim singles and packs of 10 are available
- **Patientric:** Vivotif is available

RABIES VACCINE

- **Valneva:** Rabipur is available
- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Rabies BP is now a discontinued product and no longer available for sale

PNEUMOCOCCAL POLYSACCHARIDE VACCINE (PPV):

- **MSD:** Supply of Pneumovax 23 (PPV23) PFS is available

Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate Vaccine (PCV):

- **Pfizer:** Prevenar 13 is currently available

VARICELLA ZOSTER VACCINE

- **GSK:** VARILRIX is currently available
- **MSD:** VARIVAX is available
- **MSD:** ZOSTAVAX is a discontinued product

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS (inactivated) VACCINE

- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Revaxis is available

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS (ACELLULAR) AND POLIOMYELITIS (INACTIVATED) VACCINE

- **GSK:** Supply of Boostrix-IPV is currently available
- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Repevax is currently available

MMR

- **MSD:** MMR Vaxpro is currently available
- **GSK:** Priorix is currently available

MENINGITIS ACWY VACCINE

- **GSK:** Menveo is currently out of stock – expected recovery in October
- **Pfizer:** Nimenrix is currently available
- **Sanofi Pasteur:** MenQuadfi is available

YELLOW FEVER

- **Sanofi Pasteur:** Stamaril is available

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE

- **MSD:** GARDASIL has been discontinued (Please refer to ImmForm for NIP supply status)
- **MSD:** Gardasil 9 is currently available
- **GSK:** Cervarix has been discontinued

CHOLERA VACCINE

- **Valneva:** Dukoral is available
- **Patientric:** Vaxchora is available

JAPANESE ENCEPHALYTIS VACCINE

- **Valneva:** Ixiaro is available

MENINGOCOCCAL GROUP B VACCINE

- **GSK:** Bexsero is currently available

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS, HIB VACCINE AND POLIOMYELITIS

- **GSK:** Infanrix IPV+Hib is currently available

HIB + MENINGOCOCCAL GROUP C COMBINED VACCINE

- **GSK:** Menitorix is currently available

LIVE ATTENUATED ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

- **GSK:** Rotarix is currently available

HERPES ZOSTER VACCINE

- **GSK:** Shingrix is currently available

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