

COVID-19 Vaccination Service and Flu Vaccination Service Autumn 2025/26 – **Adults**

Eligible Groups	COVID-19	Flu	1 st Line Flu Vaccines		2 nd Line Flu Vaccine
75 years or older	✓	✓	Aged 65 years and over	Offer aIIV, IIV-HD or IIVr.	IIVc
65 to 74 years and immunosuppressed	✓	✓		First line vaccines should be ordered ahead of second line vaccines and clinics should be planned using first line vaccines. Where a pharmacy does not have a first line vaccine in stock, patients should be directed to an alternative provider who has stock of a first line vaccine or be asked to rebook when new stock is available.	Vaccination with a second line vaccine should only be considered on an exceptional basis where there is a valid reason why the patient may not return for a further appointment.
65 to 74 years – NOT immunosuppressed	X	✓			
Resident in a care home for older adults (as defined through CQC registration), irrespective of the individual's age.	✓	✓			
18 years to 64 years and immunosuppressed* as defined in tables 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book.	✓	✓	Aged 18 to 64 years in clinical risk group including pregnant women	IIVc or IIVr	IIVe
18 to 64 years in a clinical risk group (not including immunosuppression which is covered above). - Pregnant women - Those in long-stay residential care homes - Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals - Carers - Frontline social care workers without an employer-led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those who are employed by individuals who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants.	X	✓		From 50 years of age aIIV From 60 years of age IIV-HD First line vaccines should be ordered ahead of second line vaccines and clinics should be planned using first line vaccines. Where a pharmacy does not have a first line vaccine in stock, patients should be directed to an alternative provider who has stock of a first line vaccine or be asked to rebook when new stock is available.	Vaccination with a second line vaccine should only be considered on an exceptional basis where there is a valid reason why the patient may not return for a further appointment.
Key: - Adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV) - Cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine (IIVc) - Egg-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine (IIVe) - Recombinant inactivated influenza vaccine (IIVr) - High-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV-HD)			Providers must ensure they follow the latest Service Specifications and PGDs for vaccine administration to eligible cohorts – see here. Information in this guide was correct for the Autumn 25/26 campaign at the time of publishing but may be subject to change.		

COVID-19 Vaccination Service and Childhood Flu Vaccination Service Autumn 25/26 – **Children**

(Note: [Childhood Flu Vaccination Service](#) is new for 2025/26 and pharmacies must have registered to provide the service)

Eligible Groups	COVID-19	Flu	1 st Line Flu Vaccines	2 nd Line Flu Vaccine
2 or 3 years old on 31 st August 2025 who are not in a clinical risk group (e.g. children who were born on or after 1st September 2021 and on or before 31st August 2023).	X	✓	LAIV	IIVc If LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable (for example, parents object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content)
			One dose only	
2 or 3 years old on 31 st August 2025 and in a clinical risk group, (excluding immunosuppression; this cohort is covered below), or who are household contacts of individuals with immunosuppression.	X	✓	LAIV	IIVc If LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable (for example, parents object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content)
6 months to 17 years who are immunosuppressed* (if authorised to provide by service commissioner) *See Green book, chapter 19	✓	IF 2 or 3 years old on 31 st August 2025 (see section above)	If never had a flu vaccine before, a second dose should be offered at least 4 weeks after the first dose.	
Key:				
• Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) nasal spray • Cell-cultured Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIVc)		Providers must ensure they follow the latest Service Specifications and PGDs for vaccine administration to eligible cohorts – see here . Information in this guide was correct for the Autumn 25/26 campaign at the time of publishing but may be subject to change.		