

COVID-19 Vaccination Service and Flu Vaccination Service Autumn/Winter 2026/27 – **Adults**

Eligible Groups	COVID -19	Flu	JCVI Preferred Adult Influenza Vaccines (Reimbursable)	
75 years or older	✓	✓	Aged 65 years and over	Offer aIIV, IIVc, IIV-HD, or IIVr.
65 to 74 years and immunosuppressed	✓	✓		
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	Aged 18 to 49 years IIVc or IIVr From 50 to 64 years aIIV, IIVc, IIV-HD*, or IIVr *IIV-HD licenced from 60 years but can be given off-label to those aged 50-59 years.
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 - People experiencing homelessness - 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	✓		
Key: - Adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV) - Cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine (IIVc) - 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 .	
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NOTE - the egg-cultured influenza vaccine (IIVe) should only be offered to those aged between 18 and 65 as part of the national programme in circumstances where preferred influenza vaccines (listed above) are not available to order.				

Childhood Flu Vaccination Service Autumn 26/27 – **Children**

(Note: [Childhood Flu Vaccination Service](#) is a separate service and pharmacies must have registered to provide the service)

Eligible Groups	Flu	1 st Line Flu Vaccine	2 nd Line Flu Vaccine
2 or 3 years old on 31 st August 2026 (e.g. children who were born on or after 1st September 2022 and on or before 31st August 2024).	From 1 st Oct ✓	LAIV If the pharmacy does not have stock of LAIV when the patient presents, the parent/guardian should be directed to an alternative provider who has stock of LAIV or they should be asked to rebook when further stock will be available at the pharmacy.	IIVc If LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable (e.g. parents object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content).
2 years to less than 18 years old* who are classed as clinically at-risk or in another risk group, (excluding those in the people experiencing homelessness risk group), in the influenza chapter of the Green Book . *Note: Includes morbid obesity for young people aged 16 and 17 years with BMI ≥40kg/m² Second doses for children in clinical risk groups or who are household contacts of immunocompromised individuals: Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years old who are in a clinical risk group category listed in the influenza chapter of the Green Book and who have not received a dose of any influenza vaccine before should receive 2 doses of LAIV (or IIVc), the second at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years old who are household contacts of immunocompromised individuals of any age and who have not received a dose of any influenza vaccine before should receive 2 doses of LAIV (or IIVc), the second at least 4 weeks after the first dose.	From 1 st Oct ✓		
Young people aged 16 and 17 years old who are in the ‘people experiencing homelessness’ risk group as defined in the Green Book.	From 1 st Oct ✓		
Any primary or secondary school aged children, from Reception to Year 11, who missed the opportunity to receive a flu vaccination from the School Aged Immunisation Service and are not clinically at risk.	From 1 st Dec ✓		
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 26/27 campaign at the time of publishing but may be subject to change.	