



Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2022-23

A Guidance Document for Practices

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Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts

For the 2022/23 Flu vaccination programme (info)

Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 Flu vaccination programme (info)	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The letter within the guidance link on the right is intended to give providers and stakeholders of the seasonal flu vaccination programme, information on the recommended vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 seasonal flu vaccination programme. ● The 2020/21 and 2021/22 flu vaccination seasons have been the most ambitious yet, as the NHS sought to offer protection to as many eligible people as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. This involved increased uptake ambitions for pre-existing cohorts, as well as extension of the vaccination offer to additional cohorts at pace. The NHS would like to extend a huge thank you to all those involved for your hard work during very challenging times which led to some of the best flu vaccine uptake rates ever achieved. This has been achieved alongside the major success of the roll-out of national COVID-19 vaccination to which many of you have contributed. ● In 2022/23, the NHS flu vaccination programme will be offered to patient groups eligible in line with pre-pandemic recommendations (please refer to the section entitled 'eligibility', below). ● Seasonal flu vaccination remains an important public health intervention and a key priority for 2022/23 to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19. 	<p>Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Flu Vaccination Programme – Letter (B1868)</p>

Eligibility

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eligible cohorts for flu vaccination are based on the advice of the JCVI and Department of Health and Social Care. Those eligible for NHS flu vaccine in 2022/23 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those aged 65 years and over • those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the influenza chapter in 'Immunisation against infectious disease' (the 'Green Book') • all children aged two to 10 (but not 11 years or older) on 31 August 20221 (i.e. up to school Year 6) • pregnant women • those in long-stay residential care homes • carers • close contacts of immunocompromised individuals ● Vaccination is also recommended for frontline healthcare workers and social care workers. This should be provided by employers as part of the organisation's policy to prevent the transmission of infection. There are circumstances where frontline staff employed by specific social care providers without access to employer led occupational health schemes can access the vaccine on the NHS. ● Cohorts that were eligible in the 2021/22 season but that are not included in the cohorts for 2022/23 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those aged 50 to 64 years • secondary school children in Years 7 to 11 (i.e. between 11 and 15 years of age) ● The aim of the NHS flu vaccination programme for the 2022/23 season is to demonstrate a 100% offer and to achieve at least the uptake levels of 2021/22 for each cohort. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Flu Vaccination Programme – Letter (B1868)</p>

Vaccines reimbursed and Flu vaccine ordering and planning

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<p>● For details of JCVI-advised vaccines which will be reimbursed for adults in the 2022/23 Programme, please see page 2 of the letter in the guidance link on the right.</p> <p>Flu vaccine ordering and planning</p> <p>● In planning for the forthcoming flu vaccination season, all providers should identify and work closely with their NHSEI Regional Public Health Commissioning Team, to ensure the effective planning and delivery of the 2022/23 NHS Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme.</p> <p>General Practices (GPs) and community pharmacies will also want to work closely with their Primary Care Networks to maximise vaccine coverage and to minimise vaccine wastage. This will also support the achievement of incentives within their respective contracts.</p> <p>GPs and school-based providers must actively invite 100% of eligible individuals (e.g. by letter, email, phone call, text) and ensure uptake is as high as possible. Evidence may be requested requiring that providers demonstrate details of how and when these offers were made. The benefits of flu vaccination among all eligible groups should be communicated and vaccination made as easily accessible as possible. Please note, any national call and recall that may be commissioned again by NHSEI will only supplement, and not replace, localised call and recall as a contractual obligation for participating GPs.</p> <p>Providers should align delivery of the flu vaccination with other commissioned vaccination programmes that the patient may be eligible for (for instance COVID-19, shingles, or pneumococcal vaccines) where it is clinically permissible and operationally feasible.</p>	<p>Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Flu Vaccination Programme – Letter (B1868)</p>

Timing for School Aged Immunisation Services (SAIS) vaccines

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently, 2019/20 school-aged cohorts will be eligible for vaccination (i.e. all children in reception and school Years 1 - 6) and, therefore, the contractual requirement to vaccinate all eligible children by December 15th, 2022 will be reinstated. <p>Please refer to the influenza chapter in 'Immunisation against infectious disease' (the 'Green Book') for all other information regarding timing of flu vaccinations.</p>	<p>Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Flu Vaccination Programme – Letter (B1868)</p>

Links to other key documents

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please see page 4 of the guidance link on the right for the following key document links:<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Green Book Influenza Chapter*Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation Influenza advice*Flu vaccine uptake figures*ImmForm website for ordering child flu vaccines	<p>Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Flu Vaccination Programme – Letter (B1868)</p>

Reimbursable vaccines & eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS seasonal Flu vaccination programme Revised 2022

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<p>• Please see the guidance on the right which is intended to give providers and stakeholders of the seasonal flu vaccination programme information on the recommended vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 seasonal flu vaccination programme. This updated version includes the additional cohorts announced on 15th July 2022. For reference, the eligible cohorts are listed below:</p> <p>Eligibility Eligible cohorts for flu vaccination are based on the advice of the JCVI and Department of Health and Social Care. Those eligible for NHS flu vaccine in 2022/23 are:</p> <p>Initially</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those aged 65 years and over • those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the influenza chapter in 'Immunisation against infectious disease' (the 'Green Book') • all children aged 2 to 10 (but not 11 years or older) on 31 August 2022 (i.e. up to school Year 6) • pregnant women • those in long-stay residential care homes • carers • close contacts of immunocompromised individuals <p>Additionally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 to 64 year olds not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023) • Secondary school-aged children focusing on years 7, 8 and 9 and any remaining vaccine will be offered to years 10 and 11, subject to vaccine availability. 	<p>Reimbursable vaccines & eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS seasonal Flu vaccination programme – revised 2022 – (Letter 21/07/2022 - B1868)</p>

Documents

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- The following documents were published by NHS England in August 2022:

[Enhanced Service Specification \(Seasonal influenza vaccination programme 2022/23\) \(PR1772\)](#)

[Enhanced Service Specification \(Childhood influenza vaccination programme 2022/23\) \(PR1773\)](#)

[Community pharmacy advanced service specification – Seasonal influenza vaccination \(PR1774\)](#)

[Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Collaboration Agreement \(PR1876\)](#)

[Inactivated influenza vaccine Patient Group Direction \(PGD\) \(PR1933\)](#)



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