Autumn COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Programme 2024/25

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Covid & Flu

1. Eligibility

Flu	Covid-19
✓ All those aged 65 and over	✓ All those aged 65 and over
✓ Care home residents (long stay residential)	✓ Care home residents (for older adults)
✓ Those in clinical risk groups aged 6mths – 64 years	✓ Those in clinical risk groups aged 6mths – 64 years
✓ Pregnant women	✓ Pregnant women
✓ Frontline HSC workers	✓ Frontline HSC workers
✓ All pre-school children 2-4yrs	
✓ All primary school children	
✓ Secondary school children yrs. 8-12	
✓ Carers	
✓ Close contacts of immunosuppressed	

Eligibility

Key changes from last Autumn

Cohorts no longer eligible:

- Carers (C-19)
- Household contacts of immunosuppressed (C-19)
- Healthy 50-64 yr. olds (flu)

2. Delivery Model

Age Group	COVID	FLU
6 months to 2 years (in a clinical risk group)	Trust identifies patient Trust vaccinates	GP identifies patient GP vaccinates
2 years to 4 years old	Clinical at risk Trust identifies patient Trust vaccinates	All children GP identifies patient GP vaccinates
Aged 5 – 16 years old	Only at risk GP identifies patient Trust vaccinates	All children School nurses vaccinate in school
Close contacts of immunosuppressed individuals	n/a	All ages School nurses vaccinate in school primary 1 up to year 12 (5th year)
16 and 17 years old (in a clinical risk group)	GP identifies patient GP vaccinates	GP identifies patient GP vaccinates
16 and 17 years old (carer)	n/a	Self-identify GP vaccinates

Delivery model, continued

Age Group	COVID	FLU
Residents in a care home for older adults	Community Pharmacy	Community Pharmacy
All adults aged 65 years and over	GP	GP
Persons aged 16 to 64 years in a clinical risk group	GP	GP
Pregnant Women	HSC Trust (via maternity clinics) or GP	HSC Trust (via maternity clinics) or GP
Carers (self-identified)	n/a	GP
Persons who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression	n/a	GP
Frontline health and social care workers (HSCWs)	Trusts	Trusts
Eligible Housebound patients	Trusts	Trusts

Community Pharmacies are an alternative offer for over 65's health care workers, pregnant women and over 18s at risk*

3. Vaccine Supply

- Vaccine supply is managed by UKSHA and is based on the Barnetts formula
- PHA have allocated quotas for practices based on previous ordering using VMS data
  - Quotas: There will be a maximum % of quota released for 1st order (remainder of quota released later for mop-ups etc)
  - Arranging one large vaccine clinic? Uplifts to access full quota can be arranged – just ask.
  - Can order both flu and covid vaccines together

Queries can be directed to pha.immunisation@hscni.net

4.Vaccine Ordering: Key points

Vaccine	Provider	Movianto open for orders
Flu	All	Now *(as soon as CMO letter is issued)*
Covid-19	Community pharmacies paired with care homes	23rd Sept.
Covid-19	GPs, other community pharmacies & Trust vaccine teams	30th Sept.

Key points

1. Don't order until within 2 weeks of planned clinic

2. Only order what you need

3. Allow 5 working day turnaround time for orders (max)

4. Remember: expiry date for Moderna Spikevax! (30 days)

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5. Vaccine Type

Covid -19

- Spikevax JN.1 (Moderna)
  For GPs
- Comirnaty JN.1 (Pfizer)
- Comirnaty JN.1 (Pfizer)
  Paediatric formula
- Comirnaty JN.1 (Pfizer)
  Infant formula

Flu

- aQIV (Fluad Tetra)
- QIVc (Flucelvax Tetra)
- LAIV (Fluenz)

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SPC accessed via EMC Northern Ireland (emcmedicines.com) states that Fluad Tetra is licensed for 50+ years. However, this product has been procured for the explicit use of those aged 65+. Please adhere to this policy.



6. Training and PGDs

- PHA Training slides available online Professional information | HSC Public Health Agency (hscni.net)
- e-learning for Healthcare
- PGDs available prior to start of programme through usual channels

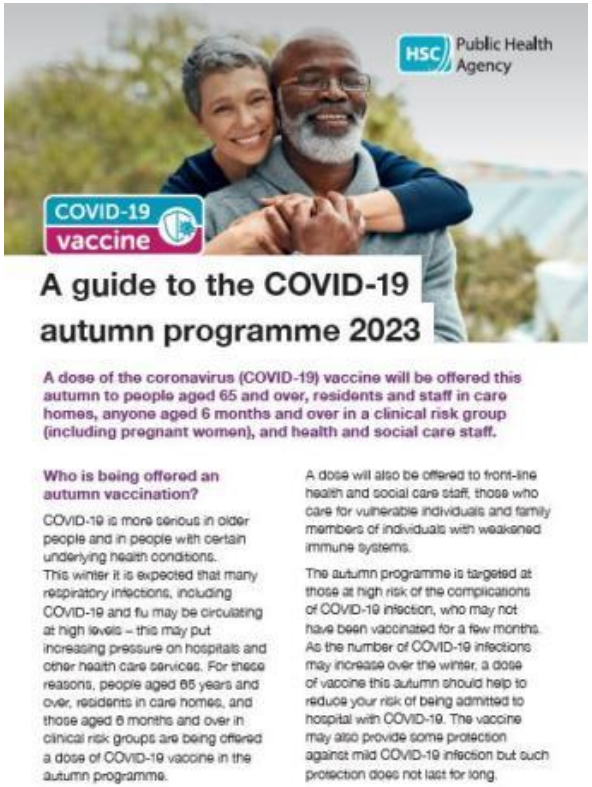
7. Public Communication

- Update to NI Direct
- Press release
- General Social Media
- Newsletters via RQIA and NISCC to care homes
- Letter via charities and targeted social media for cohorts



6. Public Communication

- Public information leaflets (web and print)





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8. Records

- Vaccine Management System (VMS)
  - Record promptly
  - Ensure correct cohort
- Select multiple cohorts if applicable (e.g. over 65 & immunosuppressed)
- VMS updated with detail of new vaccines
- FAQ's and tutorials / videos

Questions

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