

Groups included in the national flu immunisation programme



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The information in this document is taken from Public Health England's [influenza immunisation 2020/21 guidelines](#).

In 2020/21, flu vaccinations will be offered under the NHS flu vaccination programme to the following groups:

- All children aged two to eleven (but not twelve years or older) on 31 August 2020.
- People aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2021).
- Those aged from six months to less than 65 years of age, in a clinical risk group see [clinical risk groups who should receive influenza immunisation](#) for full details.
- All pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the flu season).
- Household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List, or of immunocompromised individuals, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation with a shielded patient on most days over the winter and therefore for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable.
- People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection and cause high morbidity and mortality. This does not include, for instance, prisons, young offender institutions, university halls of residence, or boarding schools (except where children are of primary school age or secondary school Year 7).
- Those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill.
- Health and social care staff, employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza.
- Health and care staff, employed by a voluntary managed hospice provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza.
- Health and social care workers employed through Direct Payments (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users.
- In November and December (subject to vaccine supply) there will be a phased extension of the vaccine programme to include **50-64 year olds**. At risk groups should be prioritised first.

Please note:

- 1) Organisations should vaccinate all frontline health and social care workers, in order to meet their responsibility to protect their staff and patients and ensure the overall safe running of services.
- 2) The list above is not exhaustive, and the healthcare professional should apply clinical judgement to take into account the risk of flu exacerbating any underlying disease that a patient may have, as well as the risk of serious illness from flu itself.