

The **flu** **WINTER 2019/20** vaccination

Information for parents of children and young people up to 18 years of age

Flu vaccination is recommended for:

- children aged two or three years old (on 31 August of current flu season)
- all primary school-aged children and
- children and young people from 6 months up to 18 years of age with a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu.

Most of these children and young people will be eligible for the live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) given either in school or at the general practice. This year the delivery of LAIV from the manufacturer has been delayed and this means that deliveries to schools and general practices were later or did not start until after 21st October. Supplies of the injected vaccine for children are not affected by this delay.



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Infants 6 months to under 2 years old.

'At risk' infants under 2 are offered the injected vaccine so are not affected by this delay.

Two and three-year olds.

Your child's GP surgery should contact you about getting them vaccinated. If you haven't heard from your GP by mid-November, contact them directly to make an appointment.

Primary school-aged children.

Some vaccination sessions have already started and the rest will be held during this term or in January. Your local healthcare team will contact you via the school.

If your child is at primary school and has a health condition that puts them at increased risk from flu and you don't

want to wait, you can ask your child's GP surgery to provide the vaccine if you prefer.

'At risk' young people aged 11 to 17 years of age.

The surgery should contact them about getting vaccinated. If they haven't heard from their GP by mid-November, they should contact the surgery directly.

Can I go elsewhere if my GP practice or school doesn't have the LAIV in stock?

Only schools and GPs will have supplies of LAIV and will schedule appointments for when vaccine is available.

What if my child is considered 'at risk'?

If you know that your child is considered 'at risk' and the surgery does not have any nasal vaccine you can ask your surgery to give your child the injected vaccine instead.

Where can I get further information?

Your GP practice or pharmacy will be able to provide further information. Or if you want to find out more about flu and the flu vaccine visit: www.nhs.uk/flujab

