



**Weekly Regional Bulletin**  
**COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations**  
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**Key information, updates, and required actions for COVID-19 and flu vaccination programmes. For questions, please contact [england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net](mailto:england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net)**

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## 1. JCVI Spring 2026 eligibility reminder – FOR INFORMATION

Providers are reminded to follow the [COVID-19 vaccination in Spring 2026: JCVI advice](#) eligibility criteria for Spring 2026 and ensure that only patients in an eligible cohort are vaccinated. The announced and authorised eligible cohorts for COVID-19 vaccination are:

- Individuals aged 75 years and over (including individuals who turn 75 years old by 30 June 2026).
- Residents in a care home for older adults (as defined through CQC registration), irrespective of the individual's age.
- Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed (as defined in the immunosuppression row of tables 3 and/or 4 in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book).

Further details on JCVI advice can be found in the Department of Health and Social Care press release [here](#) and in the [COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book](#).

## 2. Vaccine conversation confidence resources – FOR INFORMATION

MSD have produced some video content with Nikki Kanani around vaccine conversation confidence that vaccination colleagues may find useful. The site hosts 3 separate videos; one for speaking with parents about childhood vaccinations, one for speaking with teenagers and one for challenging misinformation.

[Building Vaccine Confidence with Dr Nikita Kanani - MSD engage](#)

### **3. Spring 26 COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: How to request more vaccine – FOR INFORMATION**

This guidance explains how to request vaccine through the Federated Data Platform (FDP), reminding you that once your allocation request has been approved, you then need to place an order on the Supply Dashboard in FDP for vaccine to be delivered to your site.

**Before you start:** You must have [completed a stocktake](#) within the last 7 days. If your stocktake is overdue, you won't be able to place an order.

**Step 1 — Go to the [Supply Dashboard](#) in FDP:** Log into FDP and navigate to the Supply Dashboard.

**Step 2 — [Request additional allocation \(GP\)](#) / [Request additional allocation \(CP\)](#):** Highlight the Spikevax line (Spikevax is currently the only vaccine available for additional allocation requests) then on the right-hand side of the page, click “Request additional allocation”.

**Step 3 — Enter the number of doses you need:** Type in the exact number of doses you are requesting. Be specific — for example, 50 doses, 100 doses. Minimum request is 50 doses - if you need a smaller volume of vaccine, request an allocation increase of 50 doses, then order the smaller volume needed in step 6.

**Step 4 — Add your justification in the comments box:** You must explain why you need more vaccine. Without a clear reason, the request may not be approved. Please provide information including: XX patients booked on [date(s)]; XX housebound patients booked on [date]; XX care home patients booked on [date]

**Step 5 — Submit your request:** Once submitted, your request will be reviewed by the Region. Requests are processed multiple times throughout the day, Monday to Friday, and you should expect a decision within 24 hours. Please be aware that some requests may take a little longer if additional checks are needed, for example where regional or ICB input is required.

**Step 6 — Once approved, go back in and place your order manually:** Approval does **not** automatically send vaccine. You must log back into FDP and place the order yourself.

Remaining available doses	Status	Request for Additional allocation	Comments
200	Approved by National	0	Please note that although your allocation has ...

**Important things to remember:**

- Once your allocation is approved, **you must the place the order yourself (step 6) – it is not automatically generated.**
- Delivery takes 3 days, so factor this in when planning your clinics.
  - You can place multiple orders at a time, planning for your deliveries to arrive just in advance of your clinic dates.
  - If you do this, please remember to review and adjust your order volume prior to the order cut off, allowing you to order the volume truly needed. You can check your “order process date” (in screenshot below) on the FDP Supply Dashboard:
  - The order status will indicate “REQUESTED” in blue (screenshot below) whilst it’s still amendable; and will change to “APPROVED” in green once the order process date has passed, after which it cannot be amended.

Item	Quantity Ordered	Order Process Date	Order Status	Scheduled Delivery Date
Spikevax (LP.8.1)	50	May 12, 2026, 8:00 AM	REQUESTED	May 14, 2026

- Order little and often, choosing a delivery date as close to your clinic as possible to protect shelf life
- Order in the available pack sizes: 10, 20 or 30 doses (pack down) or multiples of 50 doses
- You must be [stocktake compliant](#) before you can order

Once you have submitted your request, you can monitor its progress on the Supply Dashboard in FDP where you can see both the confirmed delivery date and ETA window, available 24 hours before delivery.

#### **Additional information:**

- **Spikevax LP.8.1 – Vaccine Shelf Life and Stock Management**

Spikevax LP.8.1 has a maximum 30-day refrigerated shelf life once thawed. As some shelf life is used during distribution, vaccine received at your site will have less than 30 days remaining. You should only order what you need for confirmed clinic activity. Where operational circumstances require delivery of vaccine with less than 7 days of shelf-life remaining, we expect to notify providers in advance.

- **Smaller Pack Sizes Available to Order**

A reminder that pack down (smaller) boxes of Spikevax LP.8.1 are available to order through the [FDP Supply Dashboard](#)

#### **Consumables (supplied automatically)**

**Combined needle and syringe (CNS)** sets come in boxes of 100 and are supplied automatically based on your cumulative dose total. If you have surplus CNS, you can [deselect the bundle](#) via the FDP Supply Dashboard.

**Patient Information Leaflets (PILs)** come in packs of 50 and are included automatically on all orders; they cannot be deselected.

## Need help?

- FDP access issues: Contact your local IT Service Desk first, then escalate to your [ICB](#).
- Vaccine supply queries: Contact your [ICB](#) via standard [escalation](#) procedures.
- Training and guidance available:
  - [Updated Spring 2026 training guides](#) – V&S Futures workspace
  - [COVID-19 FDP Vaccines Training - FDP](#)
  - [Updated Spring 2026 training webinars](#) – V&S Futures workspace
  - [Detained Estates - Full Training Session](#) – V&S Futures workspace
  - [Spring 2026 provider programme guide](#) – V&S Futures workspace
  - [Spring 2026 programme updates & documents](#) – V&S Futures workspace
  - [Setting up your FDP account](#)

## 4. Nuvaxovid JN.1: Provider Information Leaflet – **FOR INFORMATION**

Nuvaxovid JN.1 manufacturer-supplied information leaflet attached for provider awareness. Providers should continue to follow all national clinical guidance and the service specification.

## **5. Vaccination workforce planning resources - toolkit updates and vaccination workforce forum – FOR INFORMATION**

*This item is repeated from last week with links corrected.*

Updated vaccination workforce planning toolkits are now available on NHS Futures ([vaccination workforce - toolkits](#)) to support workforce planning, resourcing, and delivery. Toolkits will benefit vaccination programme/ops managers, workforce planners/leads, PCN/provider leads, and colleagues leading service design and outreach planning. The updated toolkits are:

[Toolkit 4 - Workforce Planning for Vaccination: Management Guidance](#) - a guide for workforce planners and managers that aligns with the 10-year Healthcare Plan and NHS England's Vaccination Strategy, provides updates to workforce planning considerations (including on access and inequalities, and Human Medicines Regulations), links to operational case studies (shared at NHS England's monthly vaccination workforce forum) and updates links to learning resources.

[Toolkit 5 - Workforce Planning for Vaccination: System Workforce Maturity Assessment](#) - a management self-assessment tool designed to assist planners to assess vaccination workforce plans against considerations and success factors (from shared learning) that enable workforce optimisation for vaccines delivery. An audio-visual guide ([Toolkit 5a](#)) is also available.

[Toolkit 6 - Workforce Planning for Vaccination: Outreach Planning Tool](#) - designed to assist vaccination service providers to resource and plan vaccination outreach programmes. The tool combines user programme inputs and current workforce costs to deliver an estimate of outreach resource requirements (time, workforce, and cost). An audio-visual guide ([Toolkit 6a](#)) is also available.

Shared learning from NHS England's monthly vaccination workforce forums - including recordings and presentations - is also available on NHS Futures ([vaccination workforce forum - recordings & presentations](#)).

Feedback on toolkits and requests to join NHS England's monthly vaccination workforce forum should be addressed to [england.workforce.transformation1@nhs.net](mailto:england.workforce.transformation1@nhs.net).