



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

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1. Autumn/Winter 2026 – COVID-19 Vaccine seasonal forecast and initial allocation volumes available from 21 August in FDP – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Seasonal forecast and initial allocation volumes for the Autumn/Winter 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign will be available from 21 August, calculated in line with the methodology set out in the [Seasonal Vaccination Provider Programme Guide \(AW26/27\)](#).

Viewing your allocation

From 21 August, initial allocation volumes will be visible for individual providers within the [Supply Dashboard](#) in FDP. ICB and Regional super-users will also be able to access reporting confirming these volumes via this link.

Ordering and delivery

Ordering will open on 21 August, with first deliveries from 21 September, ahead of the campaign start on 1 October. Providers can select delivery dates that align with their planned vaccination activity.

If your forecast appears insufficient

Where a provider considers their overall forecast may not be sufficient to support planned activity across the winter 2026 season, they should begin by utilising their initial allocation. Increases to allocations should only be requested when it becomes operationally necessary.

Further detail on the release of remaining allocation volume, including the upfront release percentage and the utilisation trigger for automatic release of further stock, will be confirmed separately ahead of ordering opening.

PCN Network DES collaboration

Providers intending to collaborate under a PCN Network DES can donate allocation between GP practices directly within FDP. Please note that all donations must be completed via FDP before the vaccine is delivered.

Housebound and care home patients

Volumes for housebound and care home patients are already factored into initial allocations. Providers do not need to request additional stock to vaccinate these patients.

Requesting additional allocation early

The only scenario in which an early exception request should be submitted (via the "Request additional allocation" function in the Supply Dashboard) is where the initial allocation is insufficient to support activity planned in the first week of the campaign, and where utilisation would not occur quickly enough to trigger the automatic release of further stock in time. Throughout the campaign, exception requests will only be approved where there is a clear and demonstrable need for additional stock to support near-term activity. Sites will need to be stocktake compliant and provide rationale

for their request for additional volume (i.e. explain why their current stock and allocation will not meet demand).

Allocation donations between providers

A donation function will be available within the Supply Dashboard, which will facilitate collaboration by allowing allocations to be moved between providers, before they have been ordered/drawn down. This is located next to “Order Vaccine” button within the Supply Dashboard. Sites can complete a donation by clicking on the relevant vaccine and clicking on the “Donate Allocation” button, where they can state the quantity, they would like to donate and select the recipient site from the drop-down list. ICBs, and where necessary, regional teams, can help to identify suitable donation opportunities. Please note: all donations must be actioned via FDP and must take place prior to delivery of the vaccine.

2. Reminder: Children’s Flu Programme 2026-27 Opt-In and Publishing Appointments for Pregnant Women – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Reminder to opt in to participate in children’s flu programme 2026-27

Sign up is open for the 2026-27 childhood seasonal influenza vaccination programme for providers wishing to participate. GP providers can do this via CQRS, and pharmacies via the NHSBSA. See the respective [enhanced specification](#) and [advanced specification](#) here for details on the programme. Note, GP providers will need to declare participation in the service as well as their ability to claim within CQRS.

Reminder – publish appointments to enable pregnant women to book from 1 September 2026

Providers using the national booking system (NBS) for the seasonal flu programme are reminded to publish appointments on manage your appointments (MYA) for both adult and children’s cohorts from 1 September 2026.

NBS will restrict bookings to pregnant women; however, appointments in both calendars must be available to enable those aged 16 and over to book their vaccination from 17 August. Further guidance on MYA is available: [Manage your appointments guidance](#).

3. Autumn/Winter 2026 – COVID-19 Vaccine seasonal forecast and initial allocation volumes available from 21 August in FDP – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

There will be no deliveries of COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine on the Bank Holiday, Monday 31 August 2026.

This means that all COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine deliveries for the week commencing 31 August (Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September) will be completed over a four-day week, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

Delivery Day	Ordering Deadline
Tuesday 1 September	Thursday 27 August
Wednesday 2 September	Friday 28 August
Thursday 3 September	Tuesday 1 September
Friday 4 September	Wednesday 2 September

Please ensure your site has submitted a stocktake on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) within the previous 7 days before placing your order. Sites cannot order COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine unless a stocktake for that vaccine has been completed within the past 7 days, so please build this into your planning ahead of the bank holiday.

If your site does not have a current stocktake, you will be prevented from ordering until a new record has been submitted. It can take up to 2 hours for this to be registered by the system and allow an order to proceed, so please do not leave this until the last minute given the shorter week.

4. Returning to flexible delivery days for vaccine deliveries for COVID-19 year-round pathway, 4CMenB time limited vaccination offer, and winter 2026 programme – FOR INFORMATION

We are returning to dynamic delivery days. This means that, rather than being limited to a single fixed delivery day each week, providers will be able to choose from a range of available delivery dates when placing an order, selecting the day that best suits their clinic schedule.

What this means for you

You will be able to order vaccine for the specific delivery date you need, rather than working around one set day per week. This gives you more flexibility to align deliveries closely with your planned clinics, helping you order little and often and reduce the risk of vaccine going unused before its expiry date.

*Please note, Isle of Wight sites (IOW) are an exception as they will continue to have a fixed delivery day, however they will be split between Tuesdays and Thursdays. The national team have confirmed IOW sites' fixed delivery dates with regional colleagues.

When this applies

On **Friday 14 August 2026** all sites (except IOW) returned to dynamic delivery schedules.

What you need to do

No new registration or setup is required. When you place your order through the [Supply Dashboard](#), you will be able to select your preferred delivery date from the options available at that time.

Checking ETAs

- COVID-19 vaccine ETAs and PODs will be available on the [Supply Dashboard](#) in FDP.
- 4CMenB vaccine ETAs and PODs will continue to be available only on Movianto UK's Marketplace website. Full guidance on how to access the ETA is available in the [vaccine supply and ordering guidance](#) on the V&S Futures workspace.

Providers receiving both COVID-19 and MenB deliveries on the same day will need to check both platforms to view their ETAs and PODs for each delivery, as this information will not be consolidated into a single system. We are working to bring all the information on the Supply Dashboard and will keep you posted on the progress.

As with all orders, we'd encourage you to order in line with confirmed and planned clinic activity, and to choose delivery dates as close to your clinics as possible to protect vaccine shelf life.

5. National Booking Service (NBS) – Now Live – **FOR INFORMATION**

The National Booking Service is now live for Autumn Winter 2026. Appointments are visible to the public from 17 August 2026, enabling eligible individuals to book directly into participating sites. Providers should ensure their profiles and appointment availability are up to date so that the public can view accurate information when booking.

6. Autumn Winter 2026 Programme Webinar – London Region (New & Existing Providers Welcome) – **FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION**

London COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programmes will be holding an Autumn Winter 2026 Programme webinar for all new providers in the London Region on **9 September 2026 at 6pm**. This session complements the individual ICB-led webinars already communicated to sites within each patch. Although designed for new providers, any existing provider who would value an additional opportunity to engage is welcome to join.

Following provider feedback, this session will run in the evening, recognising that some teams prefer this timing. Providers who prefer daytime sessions may continue to join the ICB-specific midday webinars.

To support planning and ensure joining details are issued correctly, please register for the session using the Teams registration link below. Once registered, Teams will automatically send you the joining information.

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

You should also have received an individual ICB webinar invitation directly from your ICB. If you have not received this, please contact them so they can send you an invite.

7. Winter 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign – FDP access, onboarding, and vaccine Supply: Drop-in support – [FOR INFORMATION](#)

The winter 2026 campaign continues under the provider-led vaccine supply model introduced in Spring 2026, giving providers greater flexibility to order vaccine and select delivery dates according to their own clinic schedules.

Training approach for winter 2026

Following positive feedback on the drop-in format used previously, there will be no formal training webinars for winter 2026. Instead, NHS England will run various weekly drop-in sessions starting 25 August and throughout September, potentially continuing into October and November depending on demand.

These sessions will consist of specific Federated Data Platform (FDP) Access drop-ins, along with general AW26 Programme drop-ins which will run throughout September for anyone experiencing technical issues within the vaccine space of FDP (including onboarding, implementation, or vaccine supply queries).

Please review the provider guide and previous training materials in advance of attending one of the drop-ins, as they may support your understanding and help save you time.

- [Seasonal Vaccination Provider Programme Guide \(AW26/27\)](#) – save this link (rather than download a PDF version), as this live document will always contain the latest information.
- [FDP Supply Dashboard Training page](#)

Drop-in sessions are provider-led

These sessions are shaped by you. Rather than following a fixed agenda, each drop-in is an open forum for you to bring whatever you'd like help with, whether that's a specific issue you're experiencing, something you'd like explained in more detail, or simply a question you want to talk through. Whatever's on your mind about vaccine supply or FDP, come along and raise it.

Session dates and registration

Full details of drop-in session dates and times are published on the V&S Futures workspace calendar. Please register for a drop-in session here: [FDP AW26 Drop-In Sessions - Vaccinations and Screening - Futures](#)

If additional sessions are added for October or November, or if any scheduled session needs to be cancelled or rescheduled, we update the calendar as soon as possible.

Please ensure you have logged into FDP ahead of any session you attend, to help you follow along with any demonstrations that may be provided in answering your questions.

If you can't attend a drop-in session

If you're unable to attend a scheduled drop-in, guidance and any available recordings will be published on the [FDP Supply Dashboard Training page](#) of the [V&S Futures workspace](#). If you have

an urgent query outside of drop-in sessions, please contact your [ICB](#) as soon as possible using the [escalation template](#)

Supplementary information regarding FDP Access

New providers: Providers joining the programme will be granted FDP access in due course and can complete the acknowledgement page once access is received. Where a new FDP account has been requested through the system access request form, this has been pre-populated within FDP except for storage capacity. New providers must check this storage capacity detail and update on the acknowledgement page. If an FDP account is required, this can be requested [here](#).

Important: If you have previously used FDP to order COVID-19, LAIV (Children's Flu) and/or 4CMenB vaccines, you do **not** need to apply for FDP access again. Your existing FDP account should already provide access to the [Vaccines Homepage — Supply Dashboard](#)

If you are unable to access the Supply Dashboard, please raise a ticket with the **National Service Desk** at ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net. To help us investigate your query as quickly as possible, please include:

- Your FDP username
- Site name
- ODS code

This information will help us verify your access and resolve any issues promptly.

8. Additional 2026/27 flu vaccination programme resources - [FOR INFORMATION](#)

The following publications are currently available to support regions and providers with the upcoming flu programme for Autumn / Winter 2026/27.

- **The updated Information for healthcare professionals for the flu programme 2026/2027 is now live at the following url:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-programme-information-for-healthcare-practitioners>.

This product is produced by UKHSA each season to support training for the flu immunisation programme ahead of the coming season, 2026 to 2027.

9. Latest content published on Futures (click [here](#)) – [FOR INFORMATION](#)

View the latest vaccination and screening uploads [here](#).

The Vaccinations and Screening Futures workspace hosts content created by NHS England to support vaccination and screening providers and commissioners, including datasets, guidance, communications materials, and shared learning. If you're not already a member, you can [join here](#) using your NHS or Government email.

If you have any further queries on any of the items in this bulletin, please contact your ICB and include the article title to ensure your query is directed to the relevant team.

Thank you for your continued work on delivering our vaccination programmes.