



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. September bookings for pregnant women: publish capacity for what can be fulfilled – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Recently, NHS England encouraged providers using the National Booking Service (NBS) to publish appointments in September for pregnant women. This is a reminder that individual providers are responsible for managing the details of this appointment availability based on their known stock delivery dates and stock levels and subsequently updating availability on NBS. In addition, where a provider is unable to honour appointments, responsibility for contacting affected patients rests with the provider. Providers should only be publishing appointments in September for pregnant women if they know they can fulfil these appointments.

2. Reminder: Pharmacies must use the NHS record a vaccination service (RAVS) from this autumn – FOR INFORMATION

Community pharmacies must now record all flu and COVID-19 NHS vaccinations in the NHS record a vaccination service (RAVS) – the only system approved for use. This includes flu vaccinations given to pregnant women in September. Pharmacies already signed up to RAVS just need to add flu and COVID-19 batches in the vaccines section before they start recording. Pharmacies that do not have a RAVS account can sign up on the [record a vaccination website](#).

NHS vaccinations must no longer be recorded in CPIT PoC systems, as pharmacies would not be paid for these vaccinations.

3. LAIV Children's Flu Vaccine: Ordering Changes for Autumn/ Winter 2026 vaccination programme – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

This winter, the process for receiving your initial LAIV (children's flu nasal spray vaccine) allocation is changing.

What's changing

In the autumn/winter 2025 vaccination programme, all pharmacies delivering the childhood flu (LAIV) vaccination service received an initial allocation of 10 doses of LAIV, which was delivered automatically.

For autumn/winter 2026 vaccination programme, pharmacies will still receive an initial allocation of 10 doses, but this will no longer be delivered automatically. Pharmacies must log onto the [Supply Dashboard](#) on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) and place an order to receive it. If no order is placed, no vaccine will be delivered.

What providers need to do

Providers should place their initial LAIV order via the [Supply Dashboard](#) on FDP ahead of the Service Commencement Date. Contractors who registered by 31 August 2026 will receive their vaccine allocation by the Service Commencement Date.

Requesting additional supply

Full information on the requirements for vaccine supply are found in section 6 of the [advanced service specification](#). Once the initial 10-dose allocation is in use, subsequent supply can be requested providing the conditions as outlined in paragraph 6.4 of the specification are met (including a stock take within 7 days prior on FDP). Orders that do not meet the requirements as set out in the advanced service specification will be deferred until they do so. Allocation uplift requests submitted by 3pm will be approved the same day, enabling providers to place a same-day vaccine order.

Minimum order quantity: 10 doses (1 pack)

Stock management reminder: A valid stocktake must be submitted in FDP within the prior 7 days of any request for additional vaccine. Pharmacies must not stockpile vaccine and are expected to use doses within shelf life.

4. Important update: same-day delivery for COVID-19, children's flu LAIV, and 4CMenB vaccines – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Delivery slot settings on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) have been updated to help community pharmacies receive all vaccines on the same day ahead of the autumn/winter 2026/27 programme start.

What's changing

Previously, ordering all three vaccines (COVID-19, childhood flu (LAIV), and 4CMenB) for delivery on the same day required three separate delivery slots to be available. Because most providers want to receive vaccine ahead of the 1 October campaign start, delivery slots in this period filled up quickly, and this often made it difficult to secure deliveries of multiple vaccines on the same day.

We've updated the [Supply Dashboard](#) on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) so that ordering multiple vaccines for delivery on the same day only requires one delivery slot, rather than two or three.

What this means for you

- You can now place or [modify orders](#) so that multiple vaccines are delivered together on the same day, even in the run-up to 1 October
- If you were previously unable to get a combined delivery date due to limited slot availability, it's worth checking the Supply Dashboard again, as this may now be possible
- As providers modify their existing orders to take advantage of this change, additional delivery slots may also become available for other providers

What you need to do

If you'd like to consolidate your deliveries onto a single day, log into the [Supply Dashboard](#) on FDP and review or [modify your existing orders](#) for COVID-19, LAIV and 4CMenB vaccines.

5. COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Comirnaty 3 Decommissioned, Comirnaty 10 XFG suitable for age 6 Months to 11 Years – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

We are writing to inform you of an important change to the COVID-19 paediatric vaccine offer for the autumn/winter 2026/27 programme.

What's changing

Comirnaty 3 (THREE) LP.8.1 is being decommissioned and will not be available for the autumn/ winter 2026 programme. Comirnaty 10 XFG has received licencing approval for use in all children and young people aged 6 months to 11 years. The full summary of product characteristics can be found [here](#).

Contractual Obligations

Providers must only vaccinate eligible age cohorts as outlined in their contractual arrangements and advised by commissioner.

Legal Mechanisms

There remains no national PGD or VGD for the age group 6 Months to 4 years. This age cohort will continue to require a Patient Specific Direction (PSD).

Pack configuration

Comirnaty 10 XFG is supplied in the same format as before: 10 vials per pack with a single dose per vial. There is no change to pack size or configuration.

What providers need to do

Order Comirnaty 10 XFG via the [Supply Dashboard](#) on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) as normal for all patients aged 6 months to 11 years you are vaccinating for the autumn/winter 2026 programme

Ordering

Comirnaty 10 XFG will be ordered through FDP in the same way as other COVID-19 vaccines this season.

6. **Vaccine Update: Issue 375 – Flu Special (Attachment): Includes the Flu Special edition, routine updates, and guidance on submitting How We Did It guest articles.** – **FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION**



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This issue is attached for convenience

We are delighted to announce that the very special Flu issue of Vaccine update is now available.

Vaccine update: issue 375, August 2026

This month's edition includes:

- flu vaccination programme: 2026 to 2027
- flu vaccination eligibility
- the expansion of community pharmacy delivery of flu vaccinations to children
- a reminder on timing of flu vaccination
- updated resources and new resources for the 2026 to 2027 season

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For those of you who may have been away for the August Bank holiday, here is the August issue 374, so you can catch up.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-374-august-2026>

This edition includes:

- 'back to school' resources
- learning and development opportunities
- routine and non-routine vaccine supply
- bank holiday ordering

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Guest articles – How we did it!

We are interested in articles on how you are improving uptake or addressing lower uptake in underserved communities, improving access, or any other activity that promotes the national vaccination programmes in your area. Articles can be up to 350-750 words. Ideally with some pictures or images to support the story. Just tell us in your own words, what you have done and how it worked.

If you would like to be featured in the 'How We Did it!' segment of vaccine update, please get in touch at immunisation.website@ukhsa.gov.uk.

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

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

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