



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. COVID-19 vaccine deliveries commencing week of 21 September – provider action required – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Vaccine deliveries for the Autumn/Winter 2026/27 programme begin the week of 21 September 2026, ahead of the 1 October campaign start.

We know that having someone free to receive deliveries across a full working day isn't always straightforward, particularly for smaller sites or those with reduced staffing over lunch. Where possible, please ensure a member of staff is available between 8am and 5pm on your scheduled delivery day, including any periods when the site is otherwise closed. Sites that arrange rota coverage in advance are less likely to experience missed deliveries, which can delay stock and disrupt planned clinics.

What you can do to prepare:

- Review your delivery slot bookings now on the [Supply Dashboard](#) and check them against staff rotas for that day
- If your delivery is scheduled during a lunch closure, please arrange in advance for someone to be available to receive it. Put a sign on your entrance so the driver knows to knock, even though the site looks closed.

Other reminders:

- Orders can be [modified](#) (quantity or delivery date) until 8am, two days before the scheduled delivery; after this point, orders are locked for dispatch and cannot be changed
- Check vaccine batch and expiry dates immediately on arrival and [record them in the Site Stock Manager](#) on the Federated Data Platform (FDP).
- If you can no longer receive a delivery, please either move the delivery date to one you can receive, or cancel the order by 8am, two days before the scheduled delivery date.

Further information is available in the [provider guide](#) and guidance on the Supply Dashboard is available on the [FDP Supply Dashboard Training](#) pages of the V&S workspace.

If you have any questions, please contact your [ICB](#) using the [escalation template](#).

2. Resources for the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination programme – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

The Patient Group Direction (PGD) and the Vaccine Group Direction (VGD) to support the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination programme have been published. A key change this season is that the PGD and VGD are published by UKHSA and not NHS England. The new landing page for these documents is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-patient-group-direction-pgd-templates> (please scroll to the bottom of the page). This page also has templates of legal mechanisms for other vaccination programmes, which require organisational authorisation before adoption by the commissioned providers. For the COVID-19 vaccination programme PGD and VGD, NHS England has provided central organisational authorisation and Section 2 of the documents is already completed. Commissioned providers must still follow local authorisation processes, and vaccinating teams should read, understand and be locally authorised to use the document (including completion of Section 7) prior to vaccinating.

The revised COVID-19 Chapter of the Green Book has been published this week and is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>

The revised COVID-19 vaccination: information for healthcare practitioners is now available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-programme-guidance-for-healthcare-practitioners>

The revised COVID-19 vaccinations e-learning will be published on 22 September and is likely to be available to users on 23 September. It will be available on the Learning Hub (formerly eLearning for Health): <https://learninghub.nhs.uk/catalogue/COVID-19-Vaccination>

3. UKHSA & NHS England: Communicating vaccines webinar - winter vaccines 2026/27 - 5 October – [FOR INFORMATION](#)

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England are hosting a webinar, Monday 5 October 2pm - 3.15pm, focusing on winter vaccines communications.

The webinar will cover how last year's campaign performed and plans for this season, with updates on operational delivery of the vaccine programmes. It will also have a dedicated section on mis- and disinformation. Time is allocated for questions at the end.

You can register for the webinar [via this form](#). You will receive the joining link closer to the event. The webinar will be recorded, and the recording and slides shared with attendees' post-event. If you cannot attend but would like to receive the recording, please sign up using the same form.

4. 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.