



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. Seasonal vaccinations – communications update – **FOR INFORMATION**

Millions of children and pregnant women can now get their flu vaccinations ahead of winter. Read the NHS press release here: [NHS England » NHS kicks off flu jabs for children and pregnant women ahead of winter](#).

Frontline healthcare worker flu vaccination resources now available here: [Health and Social Care Worker flu vaccination campaign | Winter vaccinations | Campaign Resource Centre](#).

The eligibility criteria for the RSV older adults vaccination programme have now expanded. The RSV communications resources are available here: [RSV Vaccinations | Vaccinations | Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Public seasonal vaccinations toolkit is now available here: [Winter vaccinations | Seasonal vaccinations | Campaign Resource Centre](#).

UKHSA has updated its guidance to practitioners to highlight the need to prioritise the vaccine types available according to the adult age group: [Flu vaccination programme 2026 to 2027: information for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK](#).

2. Detained Estates COVID vaccination for AW 26/27 campaign – **FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION**

The central vaccination supply team have confirmed that the vaccine used for the DE LVS for the COVID vaccination in AW 26/27 will be **Spikevax**.

For action by DE LVS sites: Please review the information for Spikevax and prepare to order and use this vaccine in the COVID vaccination campaign. Please note:

- The details about the Spikevax vaccine are here: [COVID-19: the green book chapter - GOV.UK](#)
- As the **thawed expiry is short (30 days only)** extra diligence is needed in checking the stock, disposing of any expired stock and re-ordering stock so clinics run effectively. Clinic planning arrangements may need to be revised based on the vaccine parameters to minimise wastage and plan orders.
- Please check the DE PoC (HJIS) to confirm the Spikevax vaccine is in the options for selection in the COVID vaccination template
- The PGD, VGD and other information is all here: [COVID-19 Clinical Resources - Vaccinations and Screening - Futures](#)

- SPS have some general info about vaccine handling here: [Handling of COVID-19 vaccines – NHS SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#)

The overall campaign guide all LVS sites should be using is here: [AW26 COVID Vaccination Programme Documents - Vaccinations and Screening - Futures](#)

3. Prioritisation of adult IIV vaccines for 2026 to 2027 (update 26 August 2026) – FOR INFORMATION

Manufacturing northern hemisphere vaccines for the 2026 to 2027 season has been very challenging. This means that some inactivated vaccines will not be available, or will only be available in limited quantities, or will be delivered significantly later than originally anticipated.

Although IIVc and IIVr are JCVI preferred vaccines for use in adults of all ages, for this season, these vaccines should be preferentially used in younger adults (below 50 years), with those vaccines licensed in older adults (aIIV and IIV-HD) preferentially used in those over 50 years. This will help ensure that supply of suitable vaccines is sufficient for each age group.

In instances where aIIV or IIV-HD are not available for those aged over 50 years, it is better to vaccinate someone eligible for the national programme with any JCVI preferred vaccine for that age group, than risk them not being vaccinated at all.

[Flu vaccines: 2026 to 2027 flu season - GOV.UK](#)

Links to healthcare professional (HCP) training materials and guidance documents:

- The publication 'Flu vaccination programme 2026 to 2027: healthcare practitioners' is published. It's now [available here](#).
- [Slide set](#)
- <https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/> ('Inactivated flu vaccines module' – please log in to view the updated module)

4. Children's Flu LAIV Vaccine Ordering – Community Pharmacy – [FOR INFORMATION](#)

For community pharmacies participating in the children's programme: LAIV vaccine is now available to order via the [Supply Dashboard](#). All CPs registered for the children's service can place their orders from 1 September 2026.

5. 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.

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