



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. Frontline healthcare professionals can now come forward for flu vaccinations – FOR INFORMATION

Vaccination is a key personal health measure that also supports patient safety and NHS system capacity.

As set out in July's [flu vaccination programme letter](#), all trusts should aim for a minimum of 60% uptake among eligible frontline staff, with those already achieving 60% aiming to beat last year's results.

To support this, we've developed a [top tips guide](#), created with our most improved and top-performing trusts. Trust-level data will be published weekly from 8 October.

Other groups now eligible include people aged 65 and over, adults in clinical risk groups (18 to under 65), residents of long-stay residential care homes, people in receipt of carer's allowance, people who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person, and close contacts of people who are immunocompromised.

2. Pneumococcal and flu vaccines for People Experiencing Homelessness – FOR INFORMATION

Amendments to the GMS [Statement of Financial Entitlements](#) and Seasonal Flu Vaccination Enhanced Service Specifications for [children](#) and [adults](#) have been published which make People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) aged 16 years and above a clinical at-risk group eligible for NHS seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccinations. For clarity on the GP contractual position:

- Flu: GP practices delivering the childhood and adult seasonal flu enhanced service(s) can vaccinate eligible PEH, whether or not they are registered with the practice.
- Pneumococcal: GPs can only administer pneumococcal vaccinations to eligible PEH who are registered with the practice. They cannot vaccinate PEH who are not registered patients, including via Immediately Necessary Treatment. Practices should consider offering those patients registration or signposting them to locally commissioned services.

3. UKHSA supporting vaccination for people experiencing homelessness webinar – FOR INFORMATION

UKHSA will be hosting a **webinar on Tuesday 27 October, 2pm – 3pm**, to launch materials alongside a toolkit for multi-agency stakeholders to support local systems in improving vaccination uptake among people experiencing homelessness. **The webinar is intended for colleagues working in immunisation, public health, inclusion health, health protection, primary care, NHS provider organisations, local authorities, homelessness services and the voluntary and community sector.** It will provide an opportunity to explore how the toolkit and communications materials can be used to support local planning and delivery during the autumn and winter vaccination programme. [Click here to sign up](#)

4. Housebound and specialist support vaccination appointments – FOR INFORMATION

GP practices participating in COVID-19 and/or flu vaccination services must ensure that all eligible housebound patients are offered vaccinations, in line with [the GP service specification](#).

Practices which are not participating in the seasonal vaccination service are encouraged to signpost patients to housebound and specialist vaccination appointments using their local pathways (as needed). ICBs can confirm any further local pathways, where required.

NHS 119 cannot book appointments for housebound patients and will direct callers to their GP practice. For further information, see the [autumn / winter 2026 provider guide available on FutureNHS \(log-in required\)](#).