



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. Improving flu vaccination uptake for frontline workers in social care settings – FOR INFORMATION

Getting the flu vaccine every year is the best way to help protect health and care staff, their families, and the people they care for.

We are reminding GPs that under the Seasonal Vaccination Enhanced Service Specification, practices may offer flu vaccinations to registered and non-registered eligible frontline workers in social care settings without an employer-led occupational health scheme where the:

- practice is administering flu vaccinations to residents of a registered residential care home / nursing home or voluntary managed hospice provider; and
- person is directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients at increased risk of flu exposure.

Practices can offer vaccination to this cohort alongside residents to encourage uptake or at their practices.

We would be grateful if commissioners could reinforce this message to practices in their ongoing discussions.

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

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

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