

FLU Vaccination Criteria Autumn/Winter 2018/19

Patients are eligible for an NHS flu jab at their GP surgery if:

- on 31 March 2019 they will be aged 65 or above
- they are pregnant
- they are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if their carer falls ill (vaccination should be given at the GPs discretion)
- they are health and social care staff directly involved in patient care (proof of employment will be required)
- they are six months and over and defined as medically 'at-risk' (see table below)
- they are a child aged 2 or 3 (dob: 1/9/14 – 31/8/16) (this group is eligible for the nasal flu vaccination). Children in school years Reception, 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be given their vaccination at school. GP practices are not allowed to do catch-up vaccinations for children who miss their vaccination at school, the schools will arrange this.
- Obese adults (16+) with a BMI greater than or equal to 40

Clinical Risk Category	Examples of Conditions
Long term respiratory conditions including asthma*	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including chronic bronchitis and Emphysema. Cystic fibrosis. *Asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission.
Long term heart disease including those who've had heart attacks	Congenital heart disease, chronic heart failure, individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow-up for heart disease.
Long term kidney disease	Chronic kidney failure, or kidney transplants.
Long term liver disease	Cirrhosis or hepatitis
Stroke and mini stroke	Stroke, transient ischaemic attack (TIA).
Diabetes	Type 1 or type 2 diabetes
Immunosuppression	Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment including patients undergoing chemotherapy or those without a spleen or having had a transplant. HIV infection at all stages. Individuals treated with or likely to be treated with systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mg or more per day (any age), or for children under 20kg, a dose of 1mg or more per kg per day.