

# **COVID Autumn Booster Vaccination and Flu Vaccination Update**

**Partners in Care Forum- 08 September 2022**

# COVID-19 Autumn Booster Eligibility Criteria

(Primary objective is to augment immunity in those at higher risk from COVID-19- The following groups should be offered a booster vaccine)

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, as set out in the Green Book
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers, as set out in the Green Book

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jcvi-publishes-advice-on-covid-19-vaccines-for-autumn-booster-programme>

# Flu Vaccination Eligibility Criteria

- All children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022, and all primary school aged children (from reception to year 6)
- Secondary school-aged children (focusing on years 7, 8 and 9 following the primary school vaccination visits with any remaining vaccine being offered to years 10 and 11, subject to vaccine availability later still in the season)
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over. later in the season; those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023).
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline staff employed by the following types of social care providers: registered residential care or nursing home; registered domiciliary care provider; a voluntary managed hospice; provider; Direct Payment (personal budgets) or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants

## Summary

- Care Homes will be contacted by the GP Practices to arrange vaccination team visits for residents, and for staff where supplies allow. The aim is for all homes to have been completed by the end of September.
- Social Care staff will be able to book their COVID Vaccination through the online portal or by calling 119 from next week. Keep your eyes peeled for further information on this.
- Flu vaccines are ordered and delivered directly to GP practices and pharmacies and orders will start arriving early September.
- Co-administration of covid and flu vacc is recommended (if eligible) and will depend on availability of stock
- Covid programme due to be completed by early December
- Flu vaccination can continue usually until February



When you are contacted or are able to book please don't delay– This is the best way to protect yourself from serious illness this winter is to get the vaccine when invited to do so, as well as your annual flu jab if eligible.

There are a series of resources to promote uptake of the vaccines in your setting available to be downloaded through this [link](#)  
We have a small stock of hard copies available to providers if needed- for more information please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)