

Winter vaccine eligibility

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Cohort	Flu	COVID-19	Invitation	Setting	Delivery starts from	Approx. eligible population
People aged 50 to 65 (otherwise healthy and not in any other group eligible for COVID-19)	✓	✗	Appointment or self-book	Community clinic	4 September	766k
People aged 18 to 49 (at-risk adults – only eligible for flu)	✓	✗	Appointment or self-book	Community clinic	4 September	114k
Frontline health and social care workers (HSCW)	✓	✓	Staff communication (emails, intranet), prompts to self-book via NVSS to the 60% of HSCWs who are registered on the booking portal	Community or staff clinic or while Health Board staff are visiting care homes	4 September	235k
Non-frontline NHS healthcare staff	✓	✗	Staff communication (emails, intranet), prompts to self-book via NVSS to 60% of registered staff	Community or staff clinic	4 September	90k
Teachers and support staff and eligible poultry workers	✓	✗	Offering during school visits or self-book	Community clinic or during school visit	4 September	Unknown
Prison populations and prison staff	✓	✗	Prison call system or self-book	Community clinic or in prison setting	4 September	7.2k
School-age pupils (primary and secondary)	✓	✗	Letter home from school with child	School visit	4 September	745k
Children aged 2 to 5 (not yet at school)	✓	✗	SIRS letter or local appointing	Preschool clinic	4 September	134k
People aged 65 to 74	✓	✓	Appointment or self-book	Community clinic	18 September	310k
People at risk aged 12 to 64 (eligible for flu and COVID-19)	✓	✓	Appointment or self-book	Community clinic	18 September	790k

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Pregnant women	✓	✓	Communications via maternity services or self-book	Community clinic or midwife	18 September	37.6k
Carers (aged 16 to 64)	✓	✓	Self-book (some will receive invites if registered on GP systems)	Community clinic	18 September	31k
Children at risk aged 6 months to 4 years	✓	✓	Flu – letter COVID-19 – local letter	Community or preschool clinic	18 September	7k
Household contacts (aged 12 to 64) of people with a weakened immune system	✓	✓	Self-book	Community clinic	16 October	Unknown
Residents in care homes	✓	✓	Health Board visit	Care home	16 October	25k
Domiciliary (any eligible group)	✓	✓	Health Board visit	At home	16 October	67k
People aged 75 years and over	✓	✓	Appointment	Community clinic	16 October	538k
People aged 6 months to 74 years with a weakened immune system	✓	✓	Appointment	Community clinic	16 October	102k
Children at risk aged 5 to 11 years	✓	✓	Appointment	Flu – school visit COVID-19 – community clinic	October	27k

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Rolling offer: If you're aged 5 to 64 with no eligible condition/circumstance, you'll no longer be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, unless you later enter an eligible group in future programmes, as recommended by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

COVID-19 vaccine type: JCVI advice on vaccine type to be used remains unpublished, but assume switch to any new variant vaccines once approved and requisite PGDs and training in place.