

Flu vaccinations

Your questions answered

Who should get a flu vaccine

Am I eligible for a free flu vaccine?

These groups are eligible for the flu vaccine this year:

- all primary school children
- children aged 2 to 5 (children aged 2 on 1 September 2020 and not yet in school)
- anyone aged 55 and over (from December)
- anyone aged 18-64 in clinical risk groups
- those living with people who were shielding during lockdown
- pregnant women
- healthcare workers
- unpaid and young carers
- social care workers who provide direct personal care

Where can I get a flu vaccine if I'm not eligible for a free one?

You can pay for a flu vaccination at many community pharmacies.

Why should I get a flu vaccine?

With COVID-19 around it's more important than ever to get the flu vaccine.

Flu is serious. Getting the vaccine will protect you, others and the NHS.

Getting your flu vaccine

The ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and the need to keep physical distancing means it is not possible for GP practices to give flu vaccines to everyone that should get one.

In Edinburgh, we will set up hubs around the city to give flu vaccines to all eligible people over the coming months. Doing this will allow us to vaccinate as many people as possible, while making sure we can maintain physical distancing and hygiene standards.

If you attend a GP appointment in person during the Flu vaccine season, you may be given a flu vaccine while you are in the practice, but you will not be able to make an appointment just to receive a flu vaccine.

What do I do if I'm over 65, aged 18-64 and in a clinical risk group, pregnant, a carer or living with someone who was shielding during lockdown?

You should attend a drive through clinic to receive your flu vaccine. Read on to find all the information you need to know.

If you cannot attend the drive through clinic, you have the option of receiving your flu vaccine at a local pharmacy. Go to nhsinform.scot/flu to find a pharmacy where you can get a free flu vaccine.

What do I do if I'm 55-64?

If you are aged 55-64, and are not in any of the above categories, you will get a vaccine in a later phase of the programme. We will update this information as soon as all the details are confirmed.

What do I do if I have a child at primary school?

Most primary school age children will receive the flu vaccine at school. For more information [visit NHS Inform](#)

What do I do if I have a child who is 2, 3, 4, or 5?

Children aged 2-5 will get their flu vaccines at special hubs around the city. We will update this information as soon as the details are confirmed.

What if I have any questions?

You can find more information about the flu vaccine process in Scotland at nhsinform.scot/flu. You can also call **0800 22 44 88**.

Drive through/Walk through site information

Patients should visit nhsinform.scot/flu for more information on available sites and locations.