

BOB Flu Up-date No 5 (09.09.20)

Recent Guidance

Date	Issued by	Content	Link
28.08.20	National guidance	Community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service	https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/community-pharmacy-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-service/
02.09.20	National guidance	Directed Enhanced Service (DES) Specification Seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccination programme	https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/directed-enhanced-service-specification-seasonal-influenza-and-pneumococcal-polysaccharide-vaccination-programme-2020-21/

Advice for the 50-64 year old not at risk cohort

The second annual flu letter announced a further extension of the influenza vaccine programme in November and December to include the 50-64 year old age group subject to vaccine supply. However, a few practices have erroneously started to invite this cohort for the flu vaccine; and some in this age group have approached their practices to schedule an appointment for the flu vaccine.

The regional NHSE communication team has therefore created some wording which can be shared with patients and providers, where appropriate:

For patients

Please note that, if you are aged between 50 and 64 and not in a clinical at risk group, the earliest you will be offered a flu vaccination is November, providing there is sufficient vaccine. No appointments will be offered for people in this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are aged 50 to 64 and are in a clinical 'at risk' group which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.

For providers

Please note that flu vaccination for people aged 50 to 64 who are not in an at risk group will not be made available until November at the earliest, and then only if there is sufficient vaccine. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. You should neither invite nor vaccinate people in this age group until advised to do so. Please continue to invite and vaccinate those in at risk groups aged 50 to 64 as normal.

Vaccination of Housebound patients

Oxford Health have advised that the district nursing service may have some limited capacity for supporting practices in providing flu vaccination for patients who are **housebound, not currently on the district nursing caseload** and **living in their own homes** (not in care homes).

Please could practices who have significant concerns about their capacity to visit and vaccinate these patients let us know how many people they think might need to be vaccinated at home. This will enable the CCG to explore the option of commissioning a service from OHFT to help out by vaccinating at least some of these patients.

Patients who should be prioritised for this service are those that are unable to attend the practice due to illness, frailty or disability and who are in an eligible group for seasonal flu vaccination. Please send responses back to occg.flu@nhs.net."

Flu Training webinar 27th August

The webinar is designed as a refresher training for previously signed off as competent staff, or can be used as training for new staff, but new staff must comply with PGD requirements and be signed off as competent locally against the Competency Framework. Vaccinators should also do the E-elf online flu learning & anaphylaxis. Particularly new nurses/HCPs.

Those nurses/HCPs who haven't done any Immunisation training at all should do the full IMM training on e-elf and attend the 2 day course to consolidate at a later date.

On-line link to the Flu training webinar

<https://youtu.be/rWhzJqZ80Ag>

Informative web page link

It might be helpful to provide practice maps in your website to assist patients with the Covid safe layout of the practice.

https://www.montgomeryhousesurgery.co.uk/practice_news/adult-only-flu-clinics-2020/

https://www.montgomeryhousesurgery.co.uk/practice_news/child-flu-clinics/

Berkshire GP practice –Please forward your flu queries to Bwccg.flu2020@nhs.net

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Buckinghamshire GP Practices - Please forward your flu queries to maria.david@nhs.net

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