**2017/18 Seasonal Flu Guide**

**This provides all the key information for successful delivery of the flu vaccination for 2017/18 in a single document. It is not exhaustive and should be used as a guide.**

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| **Guidance** | |
| 1. [**National flu immunisation programme plan**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan)   The annual flu letter describes the national flu immunisation programme for 2017 to 2018, and outlines which groups are eligible for flu vaccination. It is supported by the flu plan which sets out a coordinated and evidence-based approach to planning for, and responding to, the demands of flu across England.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan> |  |
| 1. [**The National Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2017/18 - Information for healthcare practitioners**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-flu-programme-qa-for-healthcare-professionals)   This document on the flu vaccination and vaccination programme includes information on:   * what flu is * the flu vaccine * dosage * administering the vaccine * advice on vaccinating children with an egg allergy * further resources   <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-flu-programme-qa-for-healthcare-professionals> |  |
| 1. [**Inactivated influenza vaccine: information for healthcare practitioners**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inactivated-influenza-vaccine-information-for-healthcare-practitioners)   This document about the inactivated influenza vaccine is intended for healthcare practitioners and includes detailed information on:   * the background of the programme * vaccine handling, administration and constituents * eligibility and resource   <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inactivated-influenza-vaccine-information-for-healthcare-practitioners> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccine for children: best practice guide for GPs**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccine-best-practice-guide-for-gps)   This leaflet is intended for GPs and practice staff. It provides best practice guidance on how to:   * prepare to deliver the programme * improve uptake of the vaccine * identify eligible children * promote the programme   It is not intended for children, parents or guardians. They will receive their own dedicated information at the appropriate time.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccine-best-practice-guide-for-gps> |  |
| 1. [**Influenza vaccine: ovalbumin content**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccine-ovalbumin-content)   This table lists the ovalbumin content of the influenza vaccines available in the UK for the 2017 to 2018 flu vaccination season.  For information on the use of influenza vaccines in egg allergic individuals please see the [Green Book influenza chapter](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19).  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccine-ovalbumin-content> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccines for children**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/which-flu-vaccine-should-children-have)   Two types of flu vaccine are available for children in 2017 to 2018: the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should get and who is eligible  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/which-flu-vaccine-should-children-have> |  |
| 1. [**The flu vaccination winter 2017 to 2018: who should have it and why**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why)   This leaflet explains to patients how they can help protect themselves and their children against flu this coming winter. It includes information for children and pregnant women, and explains why it’s very important that people at increased risk from flu or who care for someone vulnerable to have their free vaccination every year. This can be can ordered from Health and Social Care Publications order line  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination in schools**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools)    1. Flu vaccination: advice for head teachers   This guidance has been produced to assist head teachers and their school staff and answers the most frequently asked questions regarding the nasal spray flu vaccination being offered to children in primary schools during the autumn term 2017, and is intended for:   * head teachers * school teaching and support staff   It is not intended for children, parents or guardians, as they will receive their own dedicated information at the appropriate time. Please see below for details on how to order this publication.   * 1. Flu vaccination: invitation template letter for school children   This letter template can be downloaded and adapted to suit needs of local healthcare teams. It should be sent to parents of eligible children, along with an accompanying information leaflet and consent form.   * 1. Flu vaccination: consent form template   This consent form template can be downloaded and adapted to suit needs of local healthcare teams. It should be sent to parents of eligible children, along with an information leaflet.  The Advice for head teachers’ publication (product code 2016027) can be ordered from Health and Social Care Publications order line  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools> |  |
| **Templates** | |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination: invitation letter template for children aged 2 and 3 years**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-invitation-letter-template-for-children-aged-2-3-and-4-years)   This letter is for general practices (GPs) to use to send to parents of children aged 2 and 3 years old inviting them for flu vaccination. The template can be adapted locally.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-invitation-letter-template-for-children-aged-2-3-and-4-years> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination: invitation letter template for at risk patients and their carers**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-invitation-letter-template-for-at-risk-patients-and-their-carers)   This letter is for general practices (GPs) to use to invite patients who are eligible for flu vaccination because:   * of their age * of a medical condition * pregnancy * they are the main carer of someone who is elderly or disabled.   The template can be adapted locally.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-invitation-letter-template-for-at-risk-patients-and-their-carers> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination: easy read invitation letter template**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-easy-read-invitation-letter-template)   This letter is for general practices (GPs) to use to invite people with learning disabilities for flu vaccination. It can be adapted for local use.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-easy-read-invitation-letter-template> |  |
| **Promotional Materials** | |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination: leaflets and posters**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters) 2. Protecting your child against flu leaflet   The leaflet explains which children are eligible for flu vaccination, as well as describing the disease and the vaccine.   1. 5 reasons to vaccinate your child poster   This poster is aimed at parents and explains the vaccine and the benefits of vaccinating children against flu.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters> |  |
| 1. [**Easy read childhood nasal flu leaflet**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-childhood-nasal-flu-leaflet)   This leaflet is aimed at children with learning difficulties who are offered the nasal flu vaccination. It provides easy to read advice on:   * the flu virus and why you need the vaccine * signs and symptoms of flu * how the nasal flu spray is given   <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-childhood-nasal-flu-leaflet> |  |
| 1. [**Flu vaccination: easy read flu leaflet**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-leaflet-for-people-with-learning-disability)   This leaflet is aimed at people who have, or care for someone with a learning disability. It provides easy to read advice on:   * the flu virus and why you need a vaccine * signs of flu * flu jabs and where to get one   People with learning disabilities and their carers can get a free flu jab from their doctor or pharmacist, because they may have more problems if they catch flu. This leaflet can also be useful for a person whose first language is not English and can also be for people with a low reading age.  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-leaflet-for-people-with-learning-disability> |  |
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