

## **Reminder of your responsibility to call your registered two- and three-year-olds for their flu vaccination**

Children aged two- and three-year old registered at your practice are part of the NHS influenza immunisation programme. These children should be **proactively called** by the practice to receive their flu vaccines, as stated in the enhanced service specification that you have signed up to. This can be done by letter, email, text or phone.

Children in these age groups who are considered clinically at risk should also be **called and recalled proactively**. The ideal time for vaccination is as soon stocks are available, but the calls should be repeated as necessary throughout the flu season to 31 March 2019.

A template invitation letter is available [here](#):

The effectiveness of LAIV, the flu vaccination offered to children, is very good. Children under the age of five also have the highest rate of hospital admission for flu across all age groups.

Improving uptake in two- and three-year-olds children and in those with an underlying clinical risk factor will provide individual protection as well as helping to protect the wider community by tackling the 'super spreader' effect. Practices have therefore been asked to prioritise children's vaccination.

This is why, for the 2018/19 flu season, NHS England has also commissioned the Child Health Information Service (CHIS) to send out a second wave of invitation letters to parents/carers of the two- and three-year-olds which remind them to contact their practice to arrange for their child to receive the flu vaccination.

**This is in addition to, rather than instead of, the proactive call of these children by your practice. The LMC has supported this initiative.**

For further information on vaccinating your two- and three-year-old population with the flu vaccination, please see the enhanced service specification, available here:

[www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/gp-contract/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/gp-contract/)