

Flu Eligibility Advice and ImmForm Flu Data Collection Update

Focuses:

- *Health and Social Care Staff Flu Vaccine Eligibility*
- *Registering for ImmForm*
- *Patient Flu Vaccine uptake surveys 2020/21*
- *Healthcare Worker and Practice Staff Vaccinations for 2020/21.*

Flu Vaccine Eligibility Carers and Health and Social Care Staff

To minimise confusion over who is eligible, please note the following:

- All frontline health and social care workers should receive a vaccination this season.
- Vaccination is available through an occupational health offer from their employer, community pharmacy **or their registered general practice.**

Definitions:

Carers

Anyone who is in receipt of a carers allowance, a part time carer or the main carer of an older or disabled person, or a young carer, is eligible for a flu vaccine from their registered GP or pharmacy. If the carer falls ill the welfare of the person/s they look after may be at risk. It is important carers are protected, so they can continue to give care to those they support and stay healthy throughout flu season.

Health and social care staff

There are three groups:

- 1)** All health and social care staff employed by a registered residential care / nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients / clients who are at increased risk from exposure to flu.
- 2)** All health and care staff employed by voluntary managed hospice providers, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/ clients who are at increased risk from exposure to flu.
- 3)** Health and social care workers employed through Direct Payments (personal budgets) and / or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users.

All these three groups are eligible for a flu vaccine and can be delivered either by an occupational health offer from their employer, **through their registered GP or with a pharmacy.**



The flu letter also states that the **health care professional should also apply clinical judgement to evaluate the risk of flu. If a patient is presenting as a carer or health care worker and they are looking after vulnerable / at risk people, they** should be offered a flu vaccine and payment can be claimed for this.

PLEASE NOTE: CODES FOR CARE HOME STAFF HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THIS SEASON. FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

ImmForm

ImmForm (<https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/Logon.aspx?returnurl=%2f>) provides a secure platform for vaccine uptake data collection for several immunisation surveys. ImmForm is easy to access, is password protected, and allows STPs and Trusts to analyse and review their vaccine uptake data.

ImmForm enables the Department of Health, Public Health England and the National Health Service to:

- Collect data on vaccine uptake for immunisation programmes.
- Collect data on incidence of influenza (flu)
- Provide vaccine ordering facilities for the NHS.

Who can register online to use ImmForm?

NHS **GP practices** and hospitals in England or Wales and any other organisation that has a Movianto account used to order centrally procured childhood vaccines.

Registered ImmForm users can:

- Order NHS childhood vaccines online using the ImmForm Vaccine Supply system.
- View or provide vaccine uptake data (usually relevant to GP practices only).

The link below provides information on how to register:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-register-immform-helpsheet-8>

If you require any assistance with registering, please contact the ImmForm Helpdesk on 0207 183 8580 or email Helpdesk@immform.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF YOUR SERVICE SPECIFICATION TO SUBMIT INFLUENZA VACCINE UPTAKE DATA.

Flu (GP Patients) and Flu Childhood (GP Patients) vaccine uptake surveys 2020-21

The flu vaccine uptake surveys will collect influenza vaccine uptake data for the following groups:

- Patients aged 65 years and older
- Those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups as defined by the Green Book
- Pregnant women
- Carers
- Children aged 2 to 11 years (Flu Childhood collection only).

Collection Schedule

The survey will comprise of:

Five all practice monthly surveys (includes both automated and manual returns) on vaccinations up to end October, November and December 2020 and January and February 2021. These more complete data allow assessment of the progress of programmes locally. For this purpose, only the mandatory data items are required for the monthly data. However, for the final survey we will request the data returns to be as comprehensive as possible with **those submitting their data manually to complete the optional data fields as well as the mandatory ones**, wherever possible.

ALL GP PRACTICES MONTHLY SURVEYS					
Survey Month	Data up to Date	Survey Start Date	GP System Supplier Submit End Date	Manual Survey End Date	PHE Monthly publication date
OCTOBER	Sat 31/10/2020	Sun 01/11/2020	Tue 10/11/2020	Mon 16/11/2020	Thu 26/11/2020
NOVEMBER	Mon 30/11/2020	Tue 01/12/2020	Wed 09/12/2020	Tue 15/12/2020	Fri 25/12/2020
DECEMBER	Thu 31/12/2020	Fri 01/01/2021	Tue 12/01/2021	Mon 18/01/2021	Thu 28/01/2021
JANUARY	Sun 31/01/2021	Mon 01/02/2021	Tue 09/02/2021	Mon 15/02/2021	Thu 25/02/2021
FEBRUARY	Sun 28/02/2021	Mon 01/03/2021	Tue 09/03/2021	Mon 15/03/2021	Thu 25/03/2021

Automated data will only be collected from GP practices whose suppliers have the capability to extract data automatically. We anticipate the following GP system suppliers (GPSS) will participate:

- EMIS Health
- INPS (Vision)
- Microtest
- TPP (SystemOne).

Please contact your GPSS if your data does not appear by the day after the GPSS submission end date.


For those submitting their data manually, they need only submit the mandatory data items, namely:

- Those aged 65 years and older
- Those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups excluding pregnant women
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 2 to 11 years (Flu Childhood collection only)

Manually Inputting your Data

Once you have registered with ImmForm you will be able to view your practice's data and if required (in the event of an automatic extraction failing) input the data yourself. You will need to submit data for both 'Flu Monthly GP Main Collection 2020-21' and 'Flu Monthly GP Child Collection 2020-21'.

Click on your practice details and you will be presented with a small blue data table and a large pink table.

1. Seasonal Flu Vaccine Uptake Summary Data (Mandatory)							
Summary Data	(A) Number of Patients registered on day of extraction.	(B) Number of patients within (A) that have received the Flu vaccine since 1st September 2017	Vaccine Uptake (%)	(C) Number of patients refused/declined vaccine (Optional)	(D) Number of patients who received the Flu vaccine in school (Optional)	(E) Number of patients who received the Flu vaccine in pharmacies (Optional)	(F) Vaccination given in any other healthcare settings (Optional)
All patients 							

In the event of automatic extraction failing **you are only required to complete the blue table (the mandatory part of the survey)**. Please see example table below:

1. Seasonal Flu vaccine uptake summary data (Mandatory)

Summary data	(A) Number of Patients registered on day of extraction.	(B) Number of patients within (A) that have received the Flu vaccine since 1st September 2019	Vaccine Uptake (%) calculated by the system
All Patients			
Aged 65 and over			
Aged 6 months to under 2 years			
Aged 2 years to under 5 years			
Aged 5 years to under 16 years			
Aged 16 to under 65 years			
Summary of patients in one or more at-risk group(s) (excluding 'healthy' pregnant women, those with morbid obesity with no other clinical risk group and carers)			
Aged 6 months to under 2 years			
Aged 2 years to under 5 years			
Aged 5 years to under 16 years			
Aged 16 to under 65			
Pregnant Women			
Pregnant and NOT IN a clinical risk group			
Pregnant and IN a clinical risk group			

* Please note: this search should include all patients who are either 65 years or over at the time of the data extraction or **will become 65 by 31st March 2021**

1. Seasonal Child GP Flu vaccine uptake summary data (Mandatory fields)

Summary data	(A) Number of Patients registered on day of extraction.	(B) Number of patients within (A) that have received the Flu vaccine since 1st September 2019	Vaccine Uptake (%) calculated by the system
Age 2 years (Birth Cohort: 1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017)			
Aged 2 and NOT in a clinical risk group			
Aged 2 and IN a clinical risk group			
Age 3 years (Birth Cohort: 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016)			
Aged 3 and NOT a clinical risk group			
Aged 3 and IN a clinical risk group			

* Please note: Birth cohort dates will be different for this season

To complete the table, you will need to perform a series of searches using your practices patient record system. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact your IT provider.

Once you have completed inputting your data press submit and shortly afterwards ImmForm will automatically update.

If you are unable to access ImmForm or are still unsure how to submit your data, please contact **Emily White** from the South West Screening & Immunisation team who will be able answer any queries: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Please note: once the deadline for manual submission has passed each month we will not be able to input data on behalf of your practice; your practice will display no data/ no vaccinations given and you will have to wait until the following month's data upload to input your figures.

A NEW USER GUIDE FOR DATA COLLECTION IS DUE IN MID-OCTOBER. LINK TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE UPDATE.

Healthcare Worker and Practice Staff Vaccinations Survey for 2020/21

Vaccination of frontline HCWs against influenza reduces the transmission of infection to vulnerable patients who are at higher risk of a severe outcome and in some cases may have a suboptimal response to their own vaccinations. Vaccinating frontline HCWs also protects them and their families from infection. Staff vaccination results in lower rates of influenza-like illness, hospitalisation and mortality due to influenza in elderly patients in healthcare settings. Influenza vaccination is therefore recommended for healthcare workers directly involved in patient care, who should be offered influenza immunisation on an annual basis

The healthcare worker (HCW) Collection Tool was developed to assist local NHS England teams in collecting seasonal flu vaccine uptake data from non-Trust Frontline HCWs in general practice in an **efficient** and **timely** manner.

This survey will collect influenza vaccine uptake data by frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) involved with direct patient care from Local NHS England Teams including **general practice**.

The tool will allow **GP practices to submit data for their staff**. Local NHS England teams will be able to see which practices have or have not provided data and can view the data submitted by individual practices.

Data submissions will need to be done manually by entering data directly onto an ImmForm survey form. There is no facility to have data automatically submitted.

Please see link below for a user guide to using the data collection tool:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921789/Data_collection_tool-Seasonal_influenza_frontline_healthcare_workers_vaccine_uptake.pdf

MORE DETAILS ON DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN A FUTURE UPDATE.

Key Facts and Collection Schedule

The survey will comprise of **five, monthly** 'Collection Tool' surveys that local NHS England teams can will to assist with the collection of uptake data from non-Trust frontline HCWs in **general practice**.

Data for this survey are **cumulative** i.e. the number of flu vaccines administered **since 1 September 2020 to the end of each survey month inclusive of both dates**. Each survey will open on the **first working day of each month**, for the **previous month's data**. The surveys will be open for **seven working days** for, GP Practices.

The start and end dates for each monthly survey are given in the table below:

Survey Month	For data covering vaccinations administered from 1 September 2020 up to date	Survey Start Date	GP & Trusts Survey End Date (7 working days)
October	Sat 31/10/2020	Sun 01/11/2020	Tue 10/11/2020
November	Mon 30/11/2020	Tue 01/12/2020	Wed 09/12/2020
December	Thu 31/12/2020	Fri 01/01/2021	Tue 12/01/2021
January	Sun 31/01/2021	Mon 01/02/2021	Tue 09/02/2021
February	Sun 28/02/2021	Mon 01/03/2021	Tue 09/03/2021

Do Now:

- Register for ImmForm if not already registered
- Note key dates for data submission.

If you are unable to access ImmForm or if you have any concerns or questions about how or when to submit your data, please contact **Emily White** from the South West Screening & Immunisation team via email: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net