



## Special Bulletin

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### Notice from the Department of Health and Social Care:

#### Ordering additional adult flu vaccine stock

On 9 October, [DHSC wrote to GP practices](#) to confirm the process by which GPs will be able to access the additional adult flu vaccine stock secured to support the expanded vaccination programme this season. GP practices are now invited to begin ordering or pre-ordering this supply from manufacturers.

The earlier guidance note set out when vaccines would be available over October, November and December. In the first instance, GP practices are invited to order or pre-order the following vaccines:

Manufacturer	Product	Age profile in the adult programme	Expected first deliveries to DHSC	Min order	Max order
Seqirus	Flucelvax® Tetra	18 years to 64 years	w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	150	1000
	Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	65 years and above	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		
Mylan	Quadrivalent Influvac® sub-unit Tetra	18 years to 64 years	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	30	1000

If a GP practice has a provisional order with Sanofi for QIVe, please contact them to confirm this, before placing another order for QIVe for this cohort.

As set out in the guidance, on placing an order, GP practices will be asked by manufacturers to verify that stock is being ordered for NHS eligible patients or frontline

social care workers, where there is a genuine shortage for this cohort. Orders should only be placed where you have a shortfall in supply for existing eligible patients at this stage. Further instruction on timing of extension of eligibility to all 50 to 64 year olds will follow and stock should not be ordered for this cohort at this stage. Practices should ensure they have read the guidance thoroughly before placing an order or pre-order.

A proportion of the central stock has been pre-allocated for community pharmacies and NHS Providers and further guidance on how they can access the stock will follow shortly.

If you have any queries regarding this guidance please contact the Public Health Integrated Commissioning Team via [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)

Kind regards

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