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Dear Colleague,

Expediting the flu vaccination for healthcare workers (HCW)

Further to previous correspondence setting out this year's flu vaccination programme,^{1,2} we are writing to you to ask for further concerted effort to maximise flu vaccination uptake for frontline healthcare workers before the start of December 2020.

We must be in the best possible position to vaccinate healthcare workers for COVID should a vaccine become available, without risk of interaction between vaccines. Given this, we are writing to request that:

1. All organisations drive up healthcare worker flu vaccination throughout November.
2. All organisations urgently implement the National Immunisation Vaccination System (NIVS)³ to reduce risk of interaction between flu and COVID vaccines. A shareable DPIA and policy statement to support data sharing will be available shortly. If you have queries about information governance please email england.igpolicyteam@nhs.net or consult the [FAQs](#).

The national team continue to monitor progress through the sit rep and can be contacted directly via england.fluops@nhs.net.

Thank you again for your continued efforts.

¹ Flu update letter [5 August 2020](#)

² Access to additional vaccine supply [2 November 2020](#)

³ National Immunisation and Vaccination System (NIVS) on [14 October 2020](#)



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