

Seasonal changes in the flu virus occur and it is for this reason that annual vaccination against flu is recommended in certain groups who are either at risk of the complications of flu or at risk of passing flu unto people at risk of developing complications.

Every year the Chief Medical Officer in Northern Ireland issues a letter outlining who is eligible to receive the flu vaccine under the seasonal influenza programme.

The Health Protection Team of the Public Health Agency develop materials for healthcare workers delivering the seasonal influenza vaccine programme and this includes training slides, a factsheet about seasonal flu vaccines, leaflets posters and guidelines on infection control and data collection. Links to these are available below:

[Access COVID-19 vaccine social media resources here.](#)

Key resources (including fact sheets, training materials, leaflets, guidelines):

General resources

- [Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Surveillance in Northern Ireland Autumn/Winter 2025/26 \(Public Health Agency\)](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination surveillance in Northern Ireland, Autumn/Winter 2025/26 \(Public Health Agency\)](#)
- [Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2024-25 \(Department of Health\)](#)
- [The Green Book Chapter 19 \(influenza\) - recommendations about flu vaccine storage, administration, use of vaccine, clinical risk groups, contraindications and precautions.](#)
- [Influenza immunisation programme: Factsheet for healthcare practitioners | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Influenza \(flu\) immunisation programme for adults in NI - training slides \(presentation with speaker notes\)](#)
- [Childhood influenza \(flu\) immunisation programme in NI - training slides \(presentation with speaker notes\)](#)

- [E-learning for Healthcare \(e-LfH\)](#) - accessible using HSC email address
- [NICE Guidelines on flu vaccination: increasing uptake 2018](#)
- [Information leaflets and posters for general public](#)

Education and training for vaccine administration

- [Joint PHA SPPG letter in relation to Education and Training for Vaccine Administration by Health Care Support Workers](#)
- [Training requirements for non-registered staff working under the National Protocol](#)

Seasonal flu plan

- [Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2024-25 \(Department of Health\)](#)
- [HSS\(MD\) 1/2025 - Extension of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination offer to all 50-64 year olds](#)
- [NICE Guidelines on Use of Anti-virals 2019/20](#)

Healthcare worker

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Campaign resources for Trusts (in addition to general resources) also include:

- [PHA Peer Vaccinator Training Recommendations](#)
- [Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: Trust guidance on data collection and reporting of vaccine uptake for Trust-employed Frontline Health and Social Care Workers](#)
- [Information leaflets and posters for healthcare workers](#)

Nursing / Residential care home

Campaign Resources (in addition to general resources) also include:

- [Guidance on the management of COVID-19/influenza in care homes and other residential facilities](#)
- [Information leaflets and posters for healthcare workers](#)

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