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A dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine will be offered this autumn to people aged 65 and over, residents and staff in care homes, anyone aged 6 months and over in a clinical risk group (including pregnant women), and health and social care staff.

### Who is being offered an autumn vaccination?

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. This winter it is expected that many respiratory infections, including COVID-19 and flu may be circulating at high levels – this may put increasing pressure on hospitals and other health care services. For these reasons, people aged 65 years and over, residents in care homes, and those aged 6 months and over in clinical risk groups are being offered a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the autumn programme.

A dose will also be offered to front-line health and social care staff, those who care for vulnerable individuals and family members of individuals with weakened immune systems.

The autumn programme is targeted at those at high risk of the complications of COVID-19 infection, who may not have been vaccinated for a few months. As the number of COVID-19 infections may increase over the winter, a dose of vaccine this autumn should help to reduce your risk of being admitted to hospital with COVID-19. The vaccine may also provide some protection against mild COVID-19 infection but such protection does not last for long.

This latest leaflet supporting the COVID-19 vaccination programme for autumn 2023 describes the vaccines, who is eligible and potential side effects.

A large print accessible version is available to download below.

An audio recording of the leaflet is available to download [here](#).

## Details

Format

A5, 4 pages

Target group

Over 65s, residents and staff of care homes, people in a clinical risk group, health and social care staff

# Downloads

Attachment	Size
<a href="#">COVID-19 vaccination programme leaflet Autumn 09_23 FINAL.pdf</a>	711.49 KB
<a href="#">COVID-19 vaccination programme autumn 2023 Large print accessible version.docx</a>	17.85 KB

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