There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2019/20 – the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

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| under 6 months of age   | They are too young to have the flu vaccine. Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses four weeks apart | - Those aged two and three years old on 31 August 2019 (but not four years old) are eligible for flu vaccination in general practice.
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- The nasal spray vaccine is a ‘live’ vaccine but the viruses in it have been weakened so they cannot cause flu. It is not suitable for all children including those who are severely immunocompromised, or are on salicylate therapy.
- Specialist advice should be sought for children who have needed intensive care due to asthma or egg allergic anaphylaxis, or have been taking regular oral steroids for asthma.
- Children who are wheezy at the time of vaccination or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours, should be offered a suitable injected flu vaccine to avoid a delay in protection.
| 6 months to under 2 years | Are they in an at-risk group? | - Yes: They should have the inactivated injected flu vaccine. Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses four weeks apart
- No: The child is not eligible for the flu vaccine
| 2 or 3 years old        | Are they in an at-risk group? | - Yes: They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)
- No: Are there medical reasons why they can’t have the nasal spray vaccine?
| 4 to 10 years old       | Are they in an at-risk group? | - Yes: They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)
- No: Are there medical reasons why they can’t have the nasal spray vaccine?
| 11 to under 18 years    | Are they in an at-risk group? | - Yes: The child/individual is not eligible for the flu vaccine
- No: Are there medical reasons why they can’t have the nasal spray vaccine?

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