

Flu vaccines 2026 to 2027 season

6 months to less than 2 years in a clinical risk group ^(iv)	2 years to less than 18 years in eligible year groups or in a clinical risk group ^(iv)		Aged 18 to 49 years in clinical risk group ^(iv) and including pregnant women ^(vii)	50 years to 64 years in a clinical risk group ^(iv)	65 years and over
IIVc (cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) or IIVe (egg-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) if IIVc not available 1⁽ⁱ⁾ or 2⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	No contraindications to LAIV LAIV (Live attenuated influenza vaccine, nasal spray suspension) 3	If LAIV contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ IIVc (cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) or IIVe (egg-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) if IIVc not available 1⁽ⁱ⁾ or 2⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	IIVc (cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) IIVr (recombinant inactivated influenza vaccine) or IIVe (egg cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) if recommended vaccines listed above not available 1 4 or 2	aIIV (adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine) IIVc (cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) ^(vii) IIV-HD (high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine) ^(v) IIVr (recombinant inactivated influenza vaccine) ^(vii) or IIVe (egg-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) if recommended vaccines listed above not available 5^(v) 1 6^(vi) 4 or 2	aIIV (adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine) IIVc (cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine) ^(vii) IIV-HD (high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine) IIVr (recombinant inactivated influenza vaccine) ^(vii) 5 1 6 4

Cell-based Trivalent Influenza Vaccine ▼
CSL Seqirus

IIVc

Egg-free

1



licensed from 6 months of age

Vaxigrip
Sanofi

IIVe

2



licensed from 6 months of age

Fluenz
AstraZeneca

LAIV

3



licensed from 2 years to less than 18 years of age

Supemtek TIVr ▼
Sanofi

IIVr

Egg-free

4



licensed from 18 years of age

Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine ▼
CSL Seqirus

aIIV

5



licensed from 50 years of age

Efluelda TIV-HD ▼
Sanofi

IIV-HD

6



licensed from 60 years of age

Eligible groups

- aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2026
- eligible school-aged children (Reception to Year 11)
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance or main carer of an older or disabled person

- household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
 - frontline health and social care staff
 - People experiencing homelessness (defined as "rough sleepers and those using homeless hostels or night-shelters, rather than the broader definitions of homelessness"), aged 16 years and over
- See Green Book Influenza Chapter for full details on eligible groups**

Resources

Annual flu programme www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme

Green Book Influenza Chapter 19 www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19

- IIVc and LAIV for eligible children available to order from ImmForm by general practice and school-age providers. Community pharmacies should see arrangements in the flu letter amendment <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2026-to-2027>
- IIVe is not supplied by ImmForm
- If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its porcine gelatine content they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. For these children IIVc is available to order from ImmForm by general practice and school-age providers
- Or household contact of an immunocompromised individual. Or a person experiencing homelessness
- aIIV is not to be used in women who are pregnant or breast-feeding
- Licensed for individuals aged 60 years and over, can be given off label to those aged 50 to 59 years
- Although this vaccine **can** be used for those aged 50 years and over, the priority is to use it in younger adults to preserve supplies. There are alternative preferred vaccines that can only be given to older adults

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Helping to protect people, every winter

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Note that IIVx is used on this resource to denote all inactivated influenza vaccines. In the boxes denoting the images of the vaccine packaging, the manufacturers name of the vaccine is given, which in some cases includes 'TIV' or 'trivalent'. All vaccines used for the 2026 to 2027 season are trivalent. Note that all preferred vaccines are listed alphabetically.