

Influenza Prevention 2020/21

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- Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system during winter.
- Winter 20/21 risk of co-circulation of COVID-19 and flu.
- During 2020/21 delivering the flu immunisation programme is likely to be more challenging because of the impact of COVID-19
- Those most at risk from flu are also most vulnerable to COVID-19.
- Health and Social Care partners must do all we can to help protect our vulnerable populations this winter.
- Expected increased demand for flu vaccination in all groups this year
- Healthcare providers face challenges in delivering the national vaccination programme and maintaining social distancing guidance
- Scale of vaccination programme will be greater this year, last year 15.5m ambition this year 29m.

What is Influenza?

- Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.
- Influenza (flu) can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Symptoms include:
 - fever* or feeling feverish/chills
 - cough
 - sore throat
 - runny or stuffy nose
 - muscle or body aches
 - headaches
 - fatigue (tiredness)
 - some people may have vomiting and diarrhoea, though this is more common in children than adults.
- Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk.
 - Airborne
 - Contact with environment



National Influenza Vaccination Programme 2020/21

In 2020/21 groups eligible for the NHS funded flu vaccination programme are the same as last year, **(2020/21 expansion programme is included in the next slide)** and include:

- all children aged 2 to 10 on 31 August 2020
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- health and social care staff employed by a registered residential care/nursing home, registered domiciliary care provider or a voluntary managed hospice provider – expected 100% coverage

Healthcare **professionals** can apply clinical judgement to take into account the risk of flu exacerbating any underlying disease that a patient may have and administer **a** Influenza vaccine

National Influenza Vaccination Programme – expansion programme 2020/21

National Influenza expansion Programme includes:

- Increase objective to achieve a minimum 75% uptake across all eligible groups
- Household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List. Specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation with a shielded person on most days over the winter
 - Household contacts of people on the NHS Shielded Patient list will not be subject to call and recall arrangements but will be offered the vaccine opportunistically, with the aim to offer to all identified.
- Children of school Year 7 age in secondary schools (those aged 11 on 31 August 2020).
- Health and social care workers employed through Direct Payment (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service user
- 50 to 64 year olds
 - November/December subject to vaccine supply

National Support for delivery of the Influenza Programme 2020/21

National measures	Sussex System	Timeframe	Monitoring the impact
NHS Trusts to support vaccine delivery at antenatal appointments and to those clinically at risk eligible patients attending in- and out-patient appointments. National service specifications will be developed to support the standardised commissioning of these services	- National specification expected September 2020 - Assurance on Provider sign up and monitoring of specification with NHSE	September 2020	Assurance Influenza Programme Board by NHSE Immunisation Team
NHS Trusts to complete a self-assessment against a best practice checklist. The completed checklist to be published in public board papers	Joint letter from NHSE/CCG to acute/community providers requesting submission of checklist	December 2020	- Assurance Influenza Programme Board by NHSE Immunisation Team - NHSE south east regional Influenza programme board
The Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Advanced Service Framework will be amended to enable community pharmacies to vaccinate both residential care/nursing home residents and staff in the home setting in a single visit to increase uptake rates	- Review of Primary Care delivery data to inform Pharmacy support required - Community Pharmacy specification required	End of August 2020 End of August 2020	- Assurance via Exec operational group - Assurance Influenza Programme Board by NHSE Immunisation Team
NHSEI are developing a national call and recall service to support localised call and recall provision	National call and recall service will support Sussex Primary Care practices	September 2020	- Assurance Influenza Programme Board by NHSE Immunisation Team - NHSE south east regional Influenza programme board
The flu vaccination programme will be supported with a major new public facing marketing campaign to encourage take up amongst eligible groups for the free flu vaccine, due to launch in October	National marketing campaign to feed into the Sussex Communication and engagement plan	September 2020	- Assurance Influenza Programme Board by NHSE Immunisation Team - NHSE south east regional Influenza programme board

Influenza Prevention Plan

The 2020/21 Influenza Prevention Plan includes the following priority areas:

- National Influenza Vaccination Programme – Patient groups
- National Influenza Vaccination Programme – Staff groups
- Vaccination supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Flu testing
- System resilience
- Outbreak Management
- Communications and engagement strategy
- Local and regional reporting
- Commissioning in and out of hours outbreak services
- Prevention of all Winter Viral Infections

Priority actions- August - September 2020

- Completion of Primary Care scoping delivery exercise
- Completion of System modelling
- Commissioning other Providers to support Primary Care in vaccination delivery
- Workforce capacity/ education
- Patient vaccination supply assurance via NHSE
- NHSE Provider Influenza specification – assurance on NHS provider support to the vaccination delivery for antenatal, long stay and OPD vaccinations
- Community Provider contractual arrangements to be agreed with Primary Care Providers
- Implementation of a system wide Communications and engagement plan across Sussex ICS
- Development of Influenza Community Champions using existing COVID-19 groups
- Increase public engagement for those who are living in the most deprived areas and from BAME communities.

Sussex Influenza Governance

- Established Sussex Influenza Programme board with Task and Finish groups, which meet fortnightly.
 - Patient Vaccination/ Primary care
 - NHS staff vaccination and prevention
 - Social Care vaccination and prevention
 - Communications and patient engagement
 - Commissioning/reporting
- Sussex Influenza Programme board report to Quality & Safety Committee
- Monthly LMT/EMT/A&E Delivery Board reporting
- Exec led weekly CCG operational meeting

Key Sussex system risks

Key Sussex ICS risks in the delivery of the National Influenza programme include:

- National vaccine supply to include Pneumococcal vaccines
 - Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has procured additional national supply of the adult vaccine and will issue guidance in September on how and when this can be accessed
- Trained Workforce and capacity to support Primary Care delivery model
 - Scoping exercise underway to determine demand and capacity
- Timeframes for vaccine delivery supply – phased or bulk supply
 - Storage and Cold Chain requirements
- Funding to support the delivery of the national vaccination programme
- Increase in flu vaccination levels for those who are living in the most deprived areas and from BAME communities.
 - Development of targeted local engagement and communication plans
 - Development of community Influenza champions
 - Engagement with COVID-19 groups/communities to target Influenza vaccination
- Personal Protective Equipment – additional supply to support vaccination delivery models
 - Escalation to NHSE regarding 'push stock' to support delivery
- CCG Internal resource
 - Additional dedicated workforce required to lead, implement and deliver Influenza Vaccination programme

Any Questions?

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