

Influenza Vaccination Eligibility 2017

| Eligible groups | Further details |
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| All patients aged 65 years and over | "Sixty-five and over" is defined as those aged 65 years and over on 31 March 2018 (i.e. born on or before 31 March 1953). |
| Chronic respiratory disease aged 6 months and over | <p>Asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission.</p> <p>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including chronic bronchitis and emphysema; bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, interstitial lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis and bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD).</p> <p>Children who have previously been admitted to hospital for lower respiratory tract disease.</p> |
| Chronic heart disease aged six months and over | Congenital heart disease, hypertension with cardiac complications, chronic heart failure, individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow-up for ischaemic heart disease. |
| Chronic kidney disease aged six months and over | Chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5, chronic kidney failure, nephrotic syndrome, kidney transplantation. |
| Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen aged six months and over | This also includes conditions such as homozygous sickle cell disease and coeliac syndrome that may lead to splenic dysfunction. |
| Pregnant women | Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy (first, second or third trimesters). |
| Morbidly obese (class III obesity) ⁴¹ | Adults with a BMI ≥ 40 kg/m ² (adults aged 16+). |
| People in long-stay residential or homes | Vaccination is recommended for people living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection and cause high morbidity and mortality. This does not include, for instance, prisons, young offender institutions, or university halls of residence. |
| Carers | Those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill. |