



Vaccine update

Flu vaccine information and availability for 2019 to 2020

As in previous years PHE has centrally procured flu vaccine for children included in this year's flu programme, i.e. all children who are aged 2-10 years old on 31 August 2019, and those aged from six months to less than 18 years old in clinical risk groups. It is the responsibility of GP practices and other providers in England to order sufficient flu vaccine directly from manufacturers for eligible patients aged 18 years and over.

The following vaccines will be available to providers of the children's flu programme in 2019 in England via the ImmForm website.

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Anticipated order opening for Schools	Anticipated order opening for GPs
Fluenz Tetra®	AstraZeneca	Early October	Mid-October
Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIV)	Sanofi Pasteur	September	

At this time we expect to make Fluenz Tetra® available to order by the NHS in October and QIV during September. These preliminary timings are subject to change. We therefore advise that plans for vaccination sessions in both schools and general practices should take account of this.

It may be necessary to open ordering of Fluenz Tetra® to providers of the school's programme in advance of GP practices in 2019, to ensure that initial availability of vaccine does not impact on the ability of the school teams to complete the programme.

Because of the short shelf life of Fluenz Tetra, PHE will also put in place order controls to reduce the amount of flu vaccine that is ordered but may not be used, as in previous years. Vaccine will be available to order throughout the season.

Please also read the latest [Vaccine update: issue 297 July 2019](#) for more detailed information from PHE

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