

Child eligibility for flu vaccine and type to offer

| Age on 31 August 2018 | Is child eligible for LAIV? | Setting |
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| Under 2 years of age | <p>Universal programme: No. Only at risk children offered vaccination.</p> <p>At risk children: LAIV is not licenced for children under 2 years of age. At risk children over six months of age to be offered suitable quadrivalent inactivated flu vaccine (QIV).</p> | General practice |
| <p>Aged 2 to 3 years old [Born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2016].</p> | <p>Universal programme: All 2 and 3 year olds offered LAIV. Children who turn two after 31 August 2018 are not eligible. Children who were three on 31 August 2018 and turn four afterwards, are still eligible.</p> <p>At risk children: Offer LAIV. If child is contraindicated (or it is otherwise unsuitable), then offer suitable quadrivalent inactivated flu vaccine (QIV).</p> | General practice |
| <p>Aged 4 to 9 years old: [Born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2014]</p> | <p>Universal programme: All primary school years from reception class to year 5* offered LAIV.</p> <p>At risk children: Offer LAIV. If child is contraindicated (or it is otherwise unsuitable), then offer suitable inactivated flu vaccine. At risk children may be offered vaccination in general practice if the school session is late in the season, parents prefer it, or they missed the school session. Also, some schools may not offer inactivated vaccines to at risk children in whom LAIV is contraindicated.</p> | School |
| Aged 10 years old to less than 18 years | <p>Universal programme: No. Only at risk children offered vaccination.</p> <p>At risk children: Offered LAIV. If contraindicated (or it is otherwise unsuitable), then offer suitable quadrivalent inactivated flu vaccine (QIV).</p> | General practice |

* Reception class (4 to 5 year olds); Year 1 (5 to 6 year olds); Year 2 (6 to 7 year olds); Year 3 (7 to 8 year olds); Year 4 (8 to 9 year olds); Year 5 (9 to 10 year olds).