

Below is a summary of those who are eligible for a free NHS (or other locally funded) flu vaccination in community pharmacy. This is not a complete list. Other eligible groups and ages may be able to get a free flu vaccination via their GP or through local vaccination centres (eligibility criteria may apply).

England (NHS)*

(Most Boots pharmacies in England will be providing free NHS flu vaccinations from September 2022 – please check in store for details)

NHS England Eligibility Update: From 15th October 2022, adults aged 50-64 years old will be eligible for a free NHS flu jab

- Age 65+ years (including those turning 65 years on or before 31st March 2023)
- Age 50-64 years (including those turning 50 years on or before 31st March 2023) from 15th October
- Pregnant women (+18 years)
- Age 18+ years with any of the following conditions:
 - Diabetes
 - Asthma (treated with a preventer inhaler) / COPD or any other long-term lung condition
 - A long-term heart condition
 - Kidney or liver disease
 - A neurological condition such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or MS
 - A learning disability
 - A Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more (severely overweight)
 - A weakened immune system (or are in close contact with someone who has a weakened immune system) due to a medical condition such as HIV, medication or treatment (e.g. cancer chemotherapy)
- Age 18+ years and:
 - A carer in receipt of carer's allowance, or the main carer of an older or disabled person
 - A frontline healthcare worker in social care or a hospice that does not have an employer-led occupational health flu vaccination scheme
 - Living in long-stay residential care

Isle of Man (NHS)*

(Our Boots pharmacy on Isle of Man will be providing free NHS flu vaccinations from September 2022 – please check in store for details)

- Age 50+ years (including those turning 50 years on or before 31st March 2023)
- Pregnant women (18+ years)
- Age 18+ years with any of the following conditions:
 - Diabetes
 - Asthma (treated with a preventer inhaler) / COPD or any other long-term lung condition
 - A long-term heart condition
 - Kidney or liver disease
 - A neurological condition such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or MS
 - A learning disability
 - A Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more (severely overweight)
 - A weakened immune system (or are in close contact with someone who has a weakened immune system) due to a medical condition such as HIV, medication or treatment (e.g. cancer chemotherapy)
- Age 18+ years and:
 - A carer in receipt of carer's allowance, or the main carer of an older or disabled person

- A frontline healthcare worker in social care or a hospice that does not have an employer-led occupational health flu vaccination scheme
- Living in long-stay residential care

Scotland (NHS)*

(Some Boots pharmacies in Scotland are providing free NHS flu vaccinations - please check in store for details)

- Age 50-64 years and over (including those turning 50 years on or before 31st March 2023)
- Pregnant women
- Age 18+ years with any of the following conditions:
 - Diabetes
 - Asthma (treated with a preventer inhaler) / COPD or any other long-term lung condition
 - A long-term heart condition
 - Kidney or liver disease
 - A neurological condition such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or MS
 - A learning disability
 - A Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more (severely overweight)
- Those who have (or who are in close contact with someone who has) a weakened immune system due to a medical condition (such as HIV), medication or treatment (e.g. cancer chemotherapy)
- Carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or who are the main carer of an older or disabled person
- Health and social care workers directly involved in the care of patients
- Those who live in long-stay residential care
- Secondary school pupils
- Teachers and pupil-facing support staff
- Independent contractors (GP, dental, optometry and community pharmacy practices), non-NHS laboratory staff (if working on COVID-19 testing during the flu season) including support staff

Wales (NHS)*

(Most Boots pharmacies in Wales will be providing free NHS flu vaccinations from September 2022 – please check in store for details)

- Age 50+ years (including those turning 50 years on or before 31st March 2023)
- Pregnant women (18+ years)
- Age 18+ years with any of the following conditions:
 - Diabetes
 - Asthma (treated with a preventer inhaler)
 - COPD or other long-term lung condition
 - A long-term heart condition
 - Kidney or liver disease
 - A neurological condition such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or MS
 - Epilepsy
 - A learning disability
 - Severe mental illness
 - A Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more (severely overweight)
 - A weakened immune system (or are in close contact with someone who has a weakened immune system) due to a medical condition such as HIV, medication or treatment (e.g. cancer chemotherapy)
- Age 18+ years and:
 - A carer, social care worker, hospice worker or frontline healthcare worker who has direct patient contact
 - Working in a nursing home or care home and having regular client contact
 - Living in long-stay residential care
 - A resident in a Welsh prison
 - Experiencing homelessness

Northern Ireland (HSC funded)*

(Some Boots pharmacies in Northern Ireland are providing the free locally funded flu vaccination service - please check in store for details)

- Age 50 years and over (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023)
- Pregnant women (18+years)
- Residents and staff in RQIA registered care homes (18+years)
- Age 18+ years and:
 - A carer
 - A frontline health & social care worker

Jersey (States-funded)*

All our Boots pharmacies in Jersey will offer the free States-funded flu vaccination. Eligibility criteria to be confirmed, please visit: www.gov.je

Guernsey*

Private service only available at Boots. Eligibility criteria and charges apply. (Please check eligibility for accessing the flu vaccination elsewhere with your GP surgery).

***Please note:** the eligibility for a free flu vaccination varies across the UK and the criteria may change during the flu season, so you may want to check local guidance before booking.