

# NHS Flu Season 2019/20

Welcome to the first CPSC & Dorset LPC Flu comms postcard concerning early information about the coming year's flu season starting in September 2019

There have been several updates from PHE, NHS England and DHSC over the past couple of months, which we have summarised for your convenience into this one place. Our suggestion is that you save this PDF to your desktop and refer to it as you prepare to order your flu vaccination stock

Last year proved very difficult to manage for both GPs and community pharmacies. This has been fed back to commissioners and hence you should notice some important changes to this year's process

A joint letter was issued on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 indicating initial information about the continuation of QIV (now to be known as QIVe) & aTIV, as well as the introduction of a new QIVc (at the time not yet licensed)

- [Vaccine ordering for 2019-20 influenza season 2018.11](#)

An update to this was then issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 that confirmed the licensing of the new QIVc vaccine. Please note QIVc can be used in place of both aTIV and QIVe; i.e. for both <65 at risk and >65

- [Update on vaccines for 2019-20 seasonal flu vaccination programme 2019.01](#)

This was then followed by the Annual Flu Programme letter was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, providing more detailed information about which adults and children are eligible for vaccination in the national flu immunisation programme for 2019-20. A second letter will follow with information about frontline healthcare workers

- [Annual Flu letter 2019-20](#)

Finally, as it was last year, it is necessary to place any orders for aTIV flu vaccinations from Seqirus as early as you can, if you have not done so already. Seqirus will be managing orders on a first come first served basis again (*first ordering window was to end of March '19*)

- [NHS England - South \(Wessex\) - Ref DC 2019.03](#)



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