

2020/21 Flu Vaccination Service Preparation

Training requirements

Public Health England has confirmed that anyone who has undertaken face to face training before and was due to undertake face-to-face training this year can complete an online training module instead, delaying the need for face to face training until next year. Anyone who has not previously been trained to deliver vaccinations **must** complete face to face training before providing vaccinations.

In summary:

Date of face to face training	Action
Never been trained previously	Face to face training required
2019	Annual update (self-directed learning) *
2018	Annual update (self-directed learning) *
2017	Must complete HEE online training module

*can complete the online training module but not mandatory

Online training module

The HEE flu e-learning programme will be available to all, free of charge. It will be available here:

- <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/flu-immunisation/>

Do NOT complete the course now – the course needs to be updated for the 2020/21 service. Availability date still to be confirmed.

Pharmacists who have previously completed face to face training can attempt the assessment section first to identify any gaps in knowledge. For those with some familiarity with immunisation, reading through the knowledge sections should be relatively quick.

Pharmacists can also use the knowledge and skills competency assessment tool (Appendix A in the National minimum standards and core curriculum for immunisation training for registered healthcare practitioners) or similar assessment tools to identify the areas they need further information/training on.

Anyone who is due to complete the annual online refresher training, but did so last year does not have to do the training again for the 2020/21 season (although they may do so if they wish). However, you must ensure that you are familiar with the various 2020/21 documents, including choice of vaccine and contents of the annual flu letter.

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/885281/The_national_flu_immunisation_programme_2020_to_2021.pdf

Face to face training

Some providers are already advertising courses.

- ECG: <https://ecgtraining.co.uk/product/vaccinationfull/>
- Flu jab training: <https://www.flujabtraining.co.uk/product-category/workshops/>

It is expected that the NPA and Buttercups will also provide some face to face training sessions although dates and venues not confirmed yet.

Declaration of Competence (DoC) - Pharmacists are required to complete the Vaccination services DoC every **two** years as part of the requirements to be able to offer the NHS Flu Vaccination Service.

PPE

Current COVID guidance requires pharmacists providing vaccinations to wear a mask and visor (no need to change between patients) and gloves and apron (need to be changed between each patient).

In preparation for the 2020/21 flu season – review how many vaccinations you performed during the 2019/20 season and order PPE accordingly (especially gloves and aprons) to ensure sufficient supply to be able to deliver vaccinations.