

2024 to 2025 flu season

# Which flu vaccine should children have?

The following vaccines are suitable for children and this chart indicates which vaccine is recommended by age for this season

### LAIV nasal spray

Live attenuated influenza vaccine, nasal spray suspension  
Available to order from ImmForm

### QIVc injection

Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine, cell grown  
Available to order from ImmForm

### QIVe injection

Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine, egg grown  
Not supplied by ImmForm

## What is the child or young person's age?

under **6 months** of age

**6 months** to under **2 years**

From **2 years<sup>(i)</sup>** to less than **18 years** of age  
in eligible year group or in a clinical risk group<sup>(iv)</sup>

Infants under 6 months of age are too young to have the flu vaccine (this is why it is important that expectant mothers have a flu vaccination; pregnant women can have the flu vaccine at any stage of their pregnancy)

Are they in a clinical risk group?<sup>(iv)</sup>

Is the LAIV nasal spray contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable?<sup>(ii)</sup>

**No**

**They are not eligible for the flu vaccine**

**Yes**

**They should have the injected QIVc**

Or **QIVe<sup>(iii)</sup>** if QIVc not available

Children in this age group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart

**No**

**No contraindications to LAIV nasal spray**

**They should have the LAIV nasal spray vaccine**

Children under 9 years of age in a clinical risk group<sup>(iv)</sup> who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart

**Yes**

**LAIV contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable**

**They should have the injected QIVc**

Or **QIVe<sup>(iii)</sup>** if QIVc not available

Children under 9 years of age in a clinical risk group<sup>(iv)</sup> who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart



(i) Aged 2 years on 31 August 2024, unless in a clinical risk group.  
(ii) If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its porcine gelatine content, they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. QIVc is available to order from ImmForm for these children.  
(iii) QIVe is not supplied by ImmForm.  
(iv) Or a child who is a household contact of an immunocompromised individual.

### Resources

**Green Book Influenza Chapter 19**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19)

**Annual flu programme**

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme)