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## **Annual Covid & Flu 2026**

### **Key changes from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027**

Pharmacy contractors will be commissioned under an advanced service for COVID-19 vaccinations from April 2026. As is the case now, where a pharmacy contractor wants to provide the COVID-19 vaccination service, they will also be required to deliver the flu vaccination service.

Pharmacy contractors that want to register to provide the COVID-19 vaccination service from the anticipated autumn/winter campaign must do so **by 31 July 2026 through the MYS portal.**

This letter (attached) landed in December so there is a risk it might have been missed by some contractors. There are some changes and some deadlines which need to be noted and responses/registrations to be submitted by specific deadlines.

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For the first time, NHSE has combined the COVID-19 and adult flu service specifications into one document, although pharmacy contractors can still sign up to only deliver the adult flu vaccination service. We have also streamlined and further aligned the flu and COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

### **Spring Covid Vaccination Programme**

Vaccination should begin from **13 April 2026 and end on 30 June 2026.** Priority should be given to care homes for older adults and eligible housebound patients.

Pharmacy contractors that want to provide the COVID-19 vaccination service from the start of the spring campaign must register from **5 January to 2 February 2026** to ensure that they receive supply of COVID-19 vaccine in time for the start of the

spring campaign.

Pharmacy contractors that want to register for the COVID-19 vaccination service on or before **31 March 2026 must complete their electronic registration declaration form (this form will only be open from 5 January 2026).**

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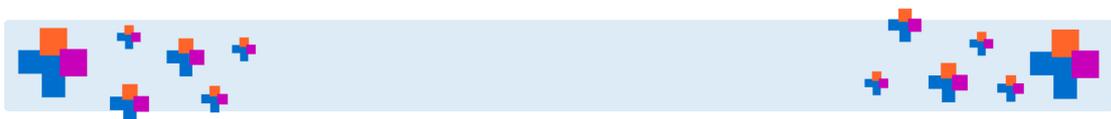
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