

# STREP A AND FLU

Rises in recent cases of invasive group A streptococcus across the UK may be due in part to more social mixing, which may also result in other illnesses circulating at the same time. The PHA are therefore urging everyone eligible for the **free flu vaccine** to get vaccinated at their earliest opportunity. In particular they would urge parents of all pre-school children aged two years and over and those aged 6 months to 2 years who are in risk groups to take up the offer of free flu vaccine to protect their children.

<b>Child's age</b>	<b>Where to have the flu vaccine</b>
<b>From 6 months until 2 years (with a long-term condition)</b>	<b>GP surgery</b>
<b>From 2 years until child starts primary school</b>	<b>GP surgery</b>
<b>All children at primary school</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Some secondary school aged children in eligible groups</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Children in eligible school groups (with a long-term health condition)</b>	<b>School or GP surgery</b>
<b>Children who are home-schooled or not in mainstream education (same ages as those offered in eligible groups at schools)</b>	<b>Community clinic</b>

# The flu vaccine is given free on the NHS to adults who:

- Are 50 and over (inc those who will be 50 by 31 march 2023)
- Have certain health conditions
- Are pregnant
- Are in long-stay residential care
- Receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who is more likely to get a severe infection due to a weakened immune system, such as someone living with hiv, someone who has had a transplant, or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis

**Don't delay contact your surgery today  
if eligible they have a flu vaccine  
waiting for you**

**Get vaccinated get protected!**