

Guidance

STEP 1 - ALL PRACTICES TO COMPLETE

Regardless of which of the below scenarios your practice intends to sign-up for and **before** reviewing anything on CQRS, NHSE have requested that all practices submit the 'General Practice Seasonal Vaccination Programme 2026-27: System access and Requirements' form. This sets up vaccination systems access for COVID-19 vaccination supply and ordering on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) plus access to the National Booking System (NBS) for COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccinations.

STEP 2 - PICK ONE SCENARIO AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS

Scenario 1 (for practices who intend to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients during the Spring 2026 AND Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaigns)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Accept** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026** in order to receive COVID-19 vaccine ahead of the Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign go-live date of 13 April 2026.

NOTES

- Practices who sign-up to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients for the Spring 2026 and Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaigns are also agreeing to offer Adult flu vaccinations (separate sign-up via the 'usual' process later in the year) to their eligible patients during the respective campaign dates throughout 2026-27 i.e. there will be no need to re-submit for the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.
- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

Scenario 2 (for practices who intend to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients ONLY during the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Reject** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026**.

NOTES

- All practices who reject the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS at this point will be contacted during the summer, with the opportunity to reapply to participate in the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign. This offer will be made available via CQRS and practices will be required to accept (or decline) the offer **by 31 July 2026**.

- Practices who sign-up to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients for the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign are also agreeing to offer Adult flu vaccinations (separate sign-up via the 'usual' process later in the year) to their eligible patients during the Autumn 2026 flu vaccination campaign.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.
- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

Scenario 3 (for practices who intend to offer ONLY Adult flu vaccinations to their eligible patients during the Autumn 2026 flu vaccination campaigns i.e. NO COVID-19 VACCINATIONS)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Reject** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026**.

NOTES

- All practices who reject the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS at this point will be contacted during the summer, with the opportunity to reapply to participate in the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign. This offer will be made available via CQRS and practices will be required decline (or accept) the offer **by 31 July 2026**.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.
- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

We are grateful for everything practices and PCNs are doing to support this year's flu and COVID-19 autumn/winter campaigns and we hope practices will be able to continue to support the seasonal vaccination services in 2026.