

Plans to deliver Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme 2020 for Milton Keynes Residents

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- Members of the Milton Keynes Overview and Scrutiny committee are requested to note the assurance provided by Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Commissioning Collaborative in relation to the plans to deliver a seasonal flu vaccination programme for residents in Milton Keynes from September 2020.

Overview of flu uptake in Milton Keynes 2019/2020

By the end of February 2020, 51,196 flu vaccinations had been delivered across Milton Keynes, compared to 51,294 at the same time last year. Overall uptake as a percentage of the (increased) eligible population was 56.8%, compared to 59.4% for the previous year.

	<i>National target</i>	2019/20	2018/19	Percentage point difference compared to last year	Impacted by vaccine delay?
Over 65s	75%	71.7%	72.3%	-0.6	No
6 months to <65: at risk	55%	45.4%	49.6%	-4.2	Affected by vaccine delay
6 months to <65: pregnant women	55%	47.1%	44.2%	+2.9	Partially (Sanofi QIVe)
6 months to <65: carers	55%	34.5%	37.5%	-3.0	Partially (Sanofi QIVe)
6 months to <65: 2 year olds	50%	44.6%	50.4%	-5.8	Yes (LAIV)
6 months to <65: 3 year olds	50%	44.2%	50.5%	-6.3	Yes (LAIV)

Table 1: GP and pharmacy-delivered flu vaccination uptake in Milton Keynes (% of eligible population), provisional data for 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020, compared to the same period in 2018-19

	<i>National ambition</i>	2019/20	2018/19	Percentage point difference compared to last year	Affected by vaccine delay?
Reception (age 4-5)	65%	66.4%	63.9%	+2.5	Yes (LAIV)
Year 1 (age 5-6)	65%	64.7%	62.8%	+1.9	Yes (LAIV)
Year 2 (age 6-7)	65%	65.5%	61.0%	+4.5	Yes (LAIV)
Year 3 (age 7-8)	65%	62.5%	56.8%	+5.7	Yes (LAIV)
Year 4 (age 8-9)	65%	58.8%	54.8%	+4.0	Yes (LAIV)
Year 5 (age 9-10)	65%	58.3%	54.2%	+4.1	Yes (LAIV)
Year 6 (age 10-11)	65%	54.2%	NA	NA	Yes (LAIV)

Table 2: School-delivered flu vaccination uptake in Milton Keynes (% of eligible population), provisional data for 1 September 2019 to 31 January 2020, compared to the same period in 2018-19

System and CCG governance of the flu programme

- Senior responsible officers for the seasonal flu programme 2020/2021 - Sarah Whiteman, Medical Director and Nicky Poulain Director of Primary Care BLMK Commissioning Collaborative
- A BLMK Flu strategy has been developed
- The Governance around delivery of BLMK Flu strategy is via BLMK Health Cell.

Monitoring and reporting

- A dashboard has been developed to monitor uptake of the flu vaccine. From the second week in September 2020, uptake data by Primary Care Network and practices will be reviewed every two weeks by the BLMK Flu strategy group. The data will be used to target support to practices.

Prevention and management of outbreaks

- BLMK have updated the Flu Outbreak plan and incorporated it into a BLMK outbreak plan. The outbreak plan will be able to respond to such instances as a flu outbreak within a care home, in and out of season, with a deadline of the 4th Sept.
- Practices (PCN) have been asked to plan for delivery of vaccinations outside of their primary care facility in the event of a local outbreak or a practice closure due to an outbreak.

Protection of services through employee vaccination

- Employee Vaccination plans have been developed by CCG and all other providers across health and care settings
- System wide plans are being developed to vaccinate frontline health care staff by November 2020

Stakeholder engagement and communication

- A system wide clinically led communication plan is being developed in collaboration of local authority public health and CCG communications team.
- Flu newsletters have been developed for all practices and community pharmacists in BLMK.
- These have started to be disseminated every two weeks.
- Proactive engagement with faith and community leaders in Milton Keynes is part of communication plans. These communities have been identified as requiring additional communication and engagement to improve uptake of all immunisation including Flu Vaccination