

2022 to 2023 flu season

# Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are 3 types of flu vaccine available for children in 2022 to 2023. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

## LAIV nasal spray

(Live attenuated influenza vaccine, nasal spray suspension)

## QIVe

The injected inactivated (Quadrivalent influenza vaccine, egg-grown)

## QIVc

The injected inactivated (Cell-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine)

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

under **6 months** of age

Under 6 months of age they 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)

**6 months** to under **2 years<sup>(i)</sup>**

Are they in a clinical risk group?

**No**  
They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

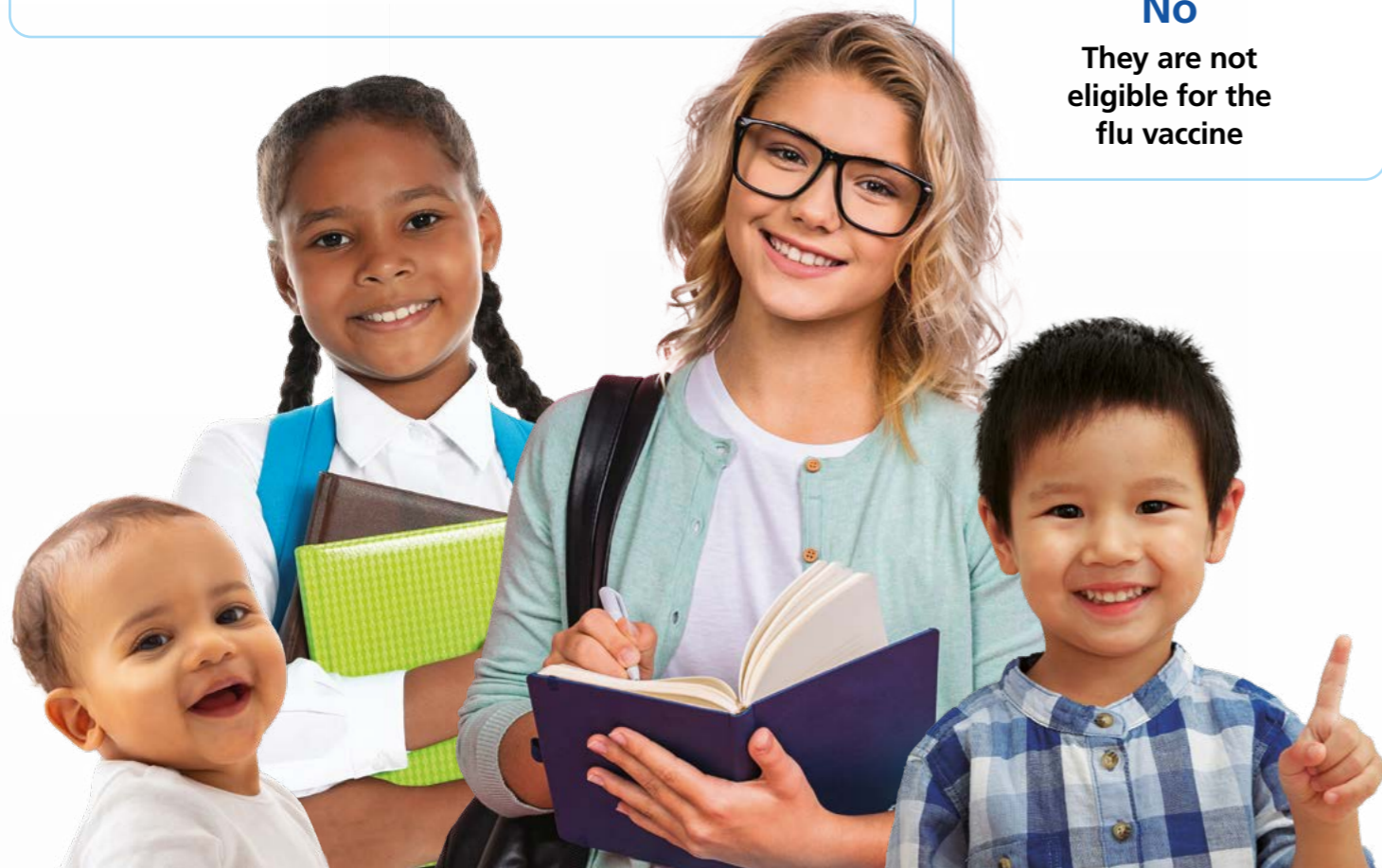
**Yes**  
They should have the injected inactivated QIVe (Quadrivalent influenza vaccine, egg-grown)  
For egg allergic children offer QIVc (Cell-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine) 'off-label'  
Children in this age group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

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

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

**No**  
No contraindications to LAIV nasal spray. They should have the LAIV nasal spray vaccine  
Children aged up to 9 years in a clinical risk group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

**Yes**  
LAIV contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable<sup>(iii)</sup>. They should have the injected QIVc (Cell-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine)  
Children less than 9 years of age in a clinical risk group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart



(i) Aged 2 years on 31 August 2022.

(ii) School aged children (all Primary school aged children (Reception Year to Year 6) and eligible Secondary school aged children).

(iii) If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its porcine gelatine content (and they understand that it is more effective in the programme than the injected vaccines), they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. QIVc is available to order from ImmForm for these children.

### Resources

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

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)