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Information for people working in front line health and social care

COVID-19 vaccination and seasonal flu vaccination this autumn – your letter of entitlement

You are entitled to a COVID-19 vaccination and a flu vaccination this autumn. This is because people who deliver face-to-face services, and many of the people they care for, are at increased risk from COVID-19 and flu.

COVID-19 and flu jabs will be available from 3 October 2024 from more than 100 pharmacies and GP practices across Hertfordshire and west Essex. It is expected that the [national booking website](#) and phone line will open on Monday 23 September, with appointments running from 3 October until 20 December. The flu jab and COVID-19 jab can be had safely at the same time if you would like to do so.

To book your autumn vaccinations:

- If you work in front line health or social care, visit www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-vaccination-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/ after 23 September and choose 'frontline health and social care staff' as an option when you book. If you don't have access to a computer, ring 119 to book your jab.
- Take this letter to your appointment to show that you work in health and social care. If you have a work ID badge, it would be helpful to bring that along with you too.

Once vaccinated it is still extremely important to remain vigilant and practice good infection prevention control both at work and at home. When you are at work, you must continue to wear personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate for your role and follow your employer's procedures and guidelines.

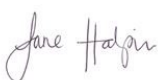
You might be invited for a flu vaccination by your GP practice if you are a registered carer, or because your age or a medical condition makes you more vulnerable to flu. You may also be offered the flu jab in your place of work. If you have your flu vaccination at your GP practice, please let your employer know that you've had it, if they ask.

More information

If you work in health or social care and have questions about this letter, please speak to your line manager. You can also find a range of useful national and local information and advice at www.hertsandwestessex.ics.nhs.uk/your-health-and-care/vaccinations/

Thank you for continuing to protect yourself and the people you support and care for by having your COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.

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