

# Flu & COVID Vaccination Update Autumn-Winter 2023/24

October Neighbourhood Forum  
Population Health

# Winter Vaccinations

- Vaccination is a safe and effective way to help protect people from getting seriously ill with a disease.
- Flu vaccination is offered every autumn/winter – it is slightly different each year to protect against the different types of flu virus that are likely to be circulating.
- COVID-19 vaccination is being offered as boosters for those who are at high risk of getting more unwell from COVID-19 and the 2023 autumn/winter booster coincides with the flu vaccination programme.
- Vaccination provides individual protection but also makes it harder for viruses to spread between people, including those who are more vulnerable and/or unable to get vaccinated.
- NHS England sets out the criteria for who gets vaccinated and how the programmes work, as a local system we then work together to deliver the vaccines according to this.
- As Population Health we chair the Health Protection Board and COVID and Flu Vaccination Sub-Group of this Board, which brings together partners from across the locality, provides assurance and responds to local data.

# Seasonal Flu Vaccination Uptake 2022/23

PCN	Over 65s	Under 65 (at risk)	Pregnant	Carers	All aged 2yrs	All aged 3yrs	All aged 50-64
Ashton	72.6%	42.2%	20.5%	40.3%	25.2%	34.5%	38.1%
Denton	79.4%	47.9%	24.1%	44.6%	31.3%	46.8%	46.6%
Hyde	73.1%	40.9%	25.7%	36.0%	35.3%	39.2%	44.3%
Stalybridge	81.4%	52.4%	33.4%	44.1%	38.4%	45.9%	52.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>44.8%</b>
<b>GM</b>	<b>77.6%</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>40.1%</b>	<b>-</b>

# COVID-19 AW Booster Vaccination Uptake 2022/23

	Cohorts – Priority Number and Group									
	1	2.1	2.2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Care Homes*	H&SC Workers	80+	75-79	70-74 & CEV†	65-69	16-64 at risk	60-64	55-59	50-54
<b>Tameside</b>	61.6%			55.2%			49.2%			
<b>GM</b>	60.8%			53.5%			48.9%			

Cohort 1: Care Homes*	
Tameside	87.6%
GM	86.2%

\*Residents and carers  
 †Clinically Extremely Vulnerable



# Plans for Autumn-Winter 2023/24

- The vaccines are available in all 4 neighbourhoods. PCNs are leading on COVID-19 vaccine delivery, flu can be obtained from practices and community pharmacies. Co-delivery of both vaccines is available for eligible groups.
- Invite text messages sent from GP surgery sent to all eligible individuals.
- Special sessions for 2-3 year olds including free soft play vouchers in some areas.
- Maternity offering flu in antenatal clinic and providing flyer on COVID-19 vaccine availability.
- Schools programme underway and TMBC staff programme also available.
- Winter illnesses leaflet sent to parents via schools and early years, with translated versions available in Urdu and Polish.
- Communication campaigns on social media and local publications, posters and banners up in key locations.

# Get vaccinated!

**Protect your little ones and the wider family: vaccinate your 2 or 3-year-olds against flu !**

Contact your GP and arrange their **FREE** flu nasal spray vaccine appointment.

Available **from September** to children aged either **2 or 3** on **31st August** this year.

**Tameside**  
Metropolitan Borough

[www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine)



- If you're eligible for flu and/or COVID-19 vaccination please take up the offer to get vaccinated ASAP.
- Details on who is eligible and how to book here: [Winter Vaccinations in Tameside](#)
- Promote the benefits of vaccination to others – vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19 and flu this winter.