

# NHS Flu Season 2021/22

## 21/22 flu season – additional flu vaccine stock

### DHSC Stock

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have published guidance on how community pharmacy contractors will be able to access supplies of flu vaccines procured centrally by the Government.

The Department has tried to align the process for accessing the stock with the existing supply routes used by pharmacies, seeking to limit the impact on business-as-usual supply chains.

### What stock will be available?

Stocks of QIVc, QIVe and QIVr, will be available from November 2021. DHSC will sell some of their centrally procured stock to the pharmacy wholesalers, for onward sale to pharmacy contractors. There are no restrictions placed by DHSC on the use of the stock, e.g. on private use of the vaccine.

Please note there is no aQIV available to order, QIVc or QIVr should be ordered to use for vaccinating over 65s.

### How to order the stock

If pharmacies would like to order more stock, they should contact their regular wholesaler and follow the wholesaler's process for ordering DHSC stock – contractors will pay for the flu vaccines in the usual way.

### Further information

Full information on accessing stock, as well as information for contractors who are working within COVID-19 vaccination centres, is available in the DHSC guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessing-government-secured-flu-vaccines-guidance-for-primary-care-in-England-for-2021-to-2022/accessing-government-secured-flu-vaccines-guidance-for-primary-care-in-England-for-2021-to-2022>



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