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**Flu jab rollout** for most adults will start in the Autumn.

From 01 September 2024, Pharmacies will only be able to vaccinate pregnant women, but vaccinations for other adult cohorts will begin in October, with the exact start date to be confirmed by NHS England in due course.

NHS England has promised 'clear guidance' for GP Practices on the safe scope of practice for **physician associates** - and said BMA advice that they should never see undifferentiated patients will 'feed into' the new guidance.

In Spring 2024, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises that a **COVID-19 vaccine** should be offered to:

·     Adults aged 75 years and over. This includes those who turn 75 years old by 30 June 2024

·     Residents in a care home for older adults

·     Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

This should be offered around 6 months after the last vaccine dose, although operational flexibility around the timing of the Spring dose in relation to the last vaccine dose, is considered appropriate (with a minimum interval of 3 months between doses).

Visits to older adult Care Homes and eligible housebound patients, should begin 15 April 2024.

For all other eligible cohorts, vaccinations should start by 22 April 2024 and end on 30 June 2024.