

IPC Memo of the month

**WORLD IMMUNISATION
WEEK 2026**

24 - 30 APRIL 2026

**For every generation,
vaccines work**

Over the last 50 years, vaccines have saved more than 150 million lives not by accident, people made the decision to protect themselves, their children and one another.

That's 6 lives every minute, every day, for five decades.

Vaccines for care home residents	Eligibility and frequency of vaccine
Influenza vaccine	Annually (October - March)
COVID-19 vaccine	Twice a year (Spring and winter)
Pneumococcal vaccine	Once when aged 65 years or older
Shingles vaccine	2 doses (those who turned 65 on or after Sept 2023 & people aged 70-79)
RSV vaccine	Once when 75 years or older or a resident in an older adult care home

Vaccines for care staff	Eligibility and frequency of vaccine
Influenza vaccine	Annually (October - March)
COVID-19 vaccine	If eligible due to weakened immune system. Twice a year (Spring and early winter)
Hepatitis B	Eligible staff based on risk assessment
MenACWY vaccine	1 dose for those up to the age of 25 years
HPV	1 dose for those up to the age of 25 years

Some vaccine doses and eligibility may differ due to medical history.

Check your immunisation history and eligibility by contacting your GP/occupational health.

All care staff should be up to date with their routine immunisations including **tetanus, diphtheria, polio, and MMR (measles, mumps & rubella).**

Free catch up programmes are available.

Managers should keep updated records of resident and staff vaccinations including staff declination forms where required.

