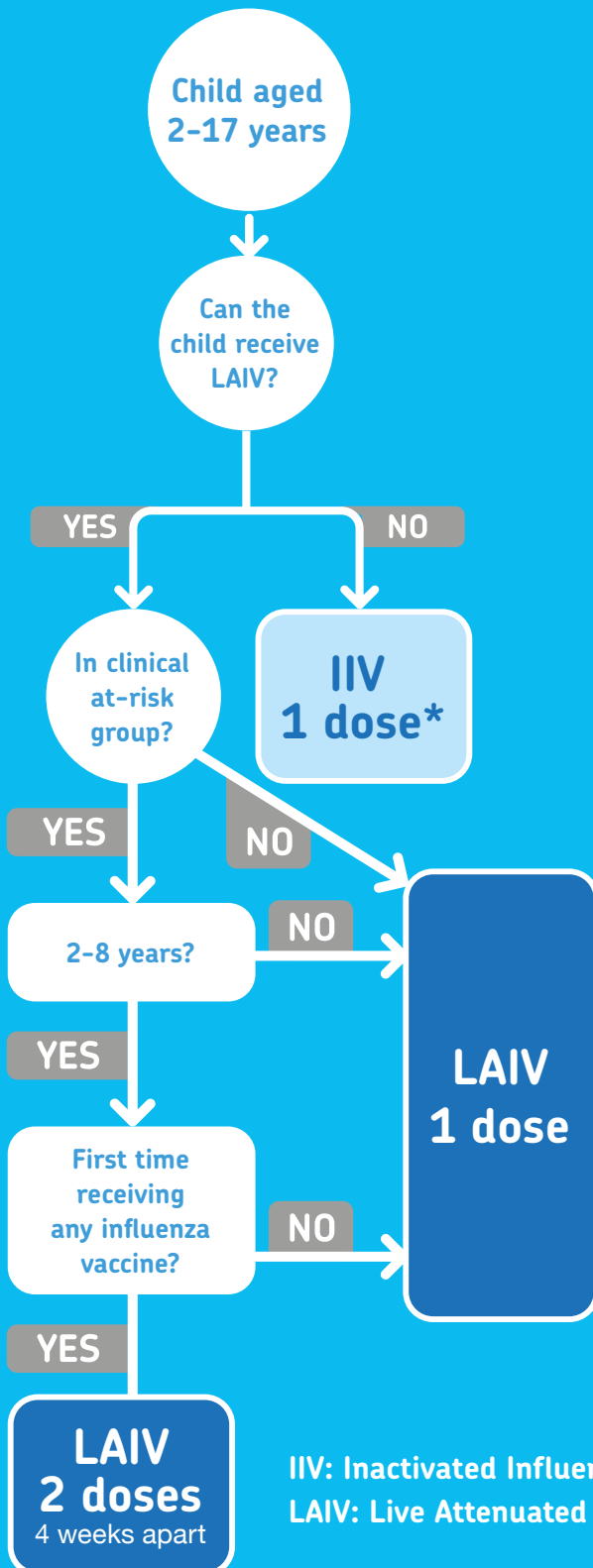


Flu Vaccine for children 2025/26



Contraindications to LAIV

- Anaphylaxis following a previous dose of any influenza vaccine or any of its constituents (other than ovalbumin)
- Asthma
 - current acute exacerbation of symptoms/ increased wheezing and/or additional bronchodilator treatment in the previous 72 hours
 - seek specialist advice for those who require regular oral steroids or who had previous critical care admission for asthma (this is a precaution)
- Current use of aspirin/salicylates
- Influenza antiviral medication within the previous 48 hours
- Pregnancy
- Severe neutropoenia (except primary autoimmune neutropoenia)
- Significant immunosuppression due to disease or treatment
- Children who live with an immunosuppressed person requiring isolation (e.g. post haematopoietic stem cell transplant)
- Those post cochlear implant until the risk of CSF leak has resolved - consult with the relevant specialist
- Those with a cranial CSF leak

*For IIV 2 doses are needed in some instances:

- 2 Doses four weeks apart for children aged 2-8 years old who are receiving flu vaccine for first time.
- 2 Doses four weeks apart if post haematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant and receiving influenza vaccine for the first time post-transplant.
- Cancer patients who receive the vaccine while on chemotherapy and who complete their treatment in the same season require two doses with the 2nd dose at least 4 weeks after completion of chemotherapy and at least 4 weeks after 1st dose (regardless of influenza vaccination in previous seasons).

IIV: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine - Vaxigrip or Influvac

LAIV: Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine - Fluenz

