



Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine uptake in Ireland in 2025/2026 season



Report includes data from 15 September 2025 to 09 November 2025 (week 38 2025 - week 45 2025)





This slide contains high level summary points on both **Influenza** and **COVID-19** vaccination uptake.



These data include seasonal uptake up to and including **09th November 2025** (equivalent of Epi-Weeks 38- 45)



The current season began on **Mon 15th September 2025** (equivalent of Epi-Week 38)

Influenza vaccine uptake

Groups	Vaccine Uptake	Vaccine Uptake last season (for comparison)	Target / KPI
All children aged two to 17 years ¹	14.6% (n=161,562)	12.8% (n=141,042)	≥50%
All adults aged 60 years and older ¹	50.6% (n=531,241)	50.5% (n=529,566)	≥75%
HSE only HCWs	22.0% (n=24,049)	22.3% (n=24,132) (measured up to 10/11/2024)	≥75%
Fair Deal Residents	75.0% (n=18,180)	77.0% (n=18,342) (measured up to 10/11/2024)	≥75%

COVID-19 vaccine uptake

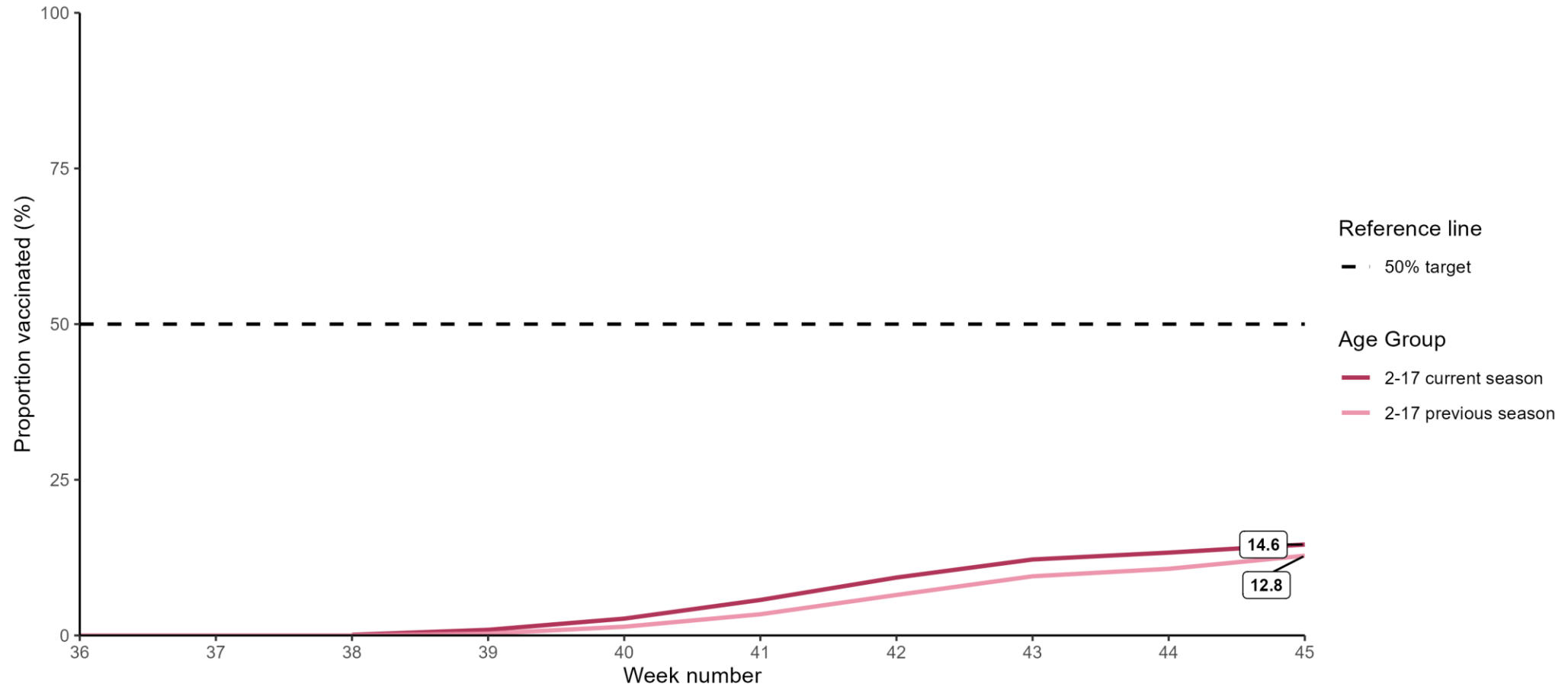
Groups	Vaccine Uptake	Vaccine Uptake last season (for comparison)	Target / KPI
≥80 years ²	51.5% (n=93,984)	50.8% (n=92,014)	n/a
60-79 years ³	26.4% (n=229,297)	25.9% (n=224,417)	n/a
HSE only HCWs (not recommended unless in at-risk groups in the current season)	6.2% (n=6,825)	8.6% (n=9,264) (measured up to 10/11/2024)	n/a
Fair Deal Residents	66.8% (n=16,191)	69.0% (n=16,425) (measured up to 10/11/2024)	n/a

¹ Annual Influenza vaccination is recommended

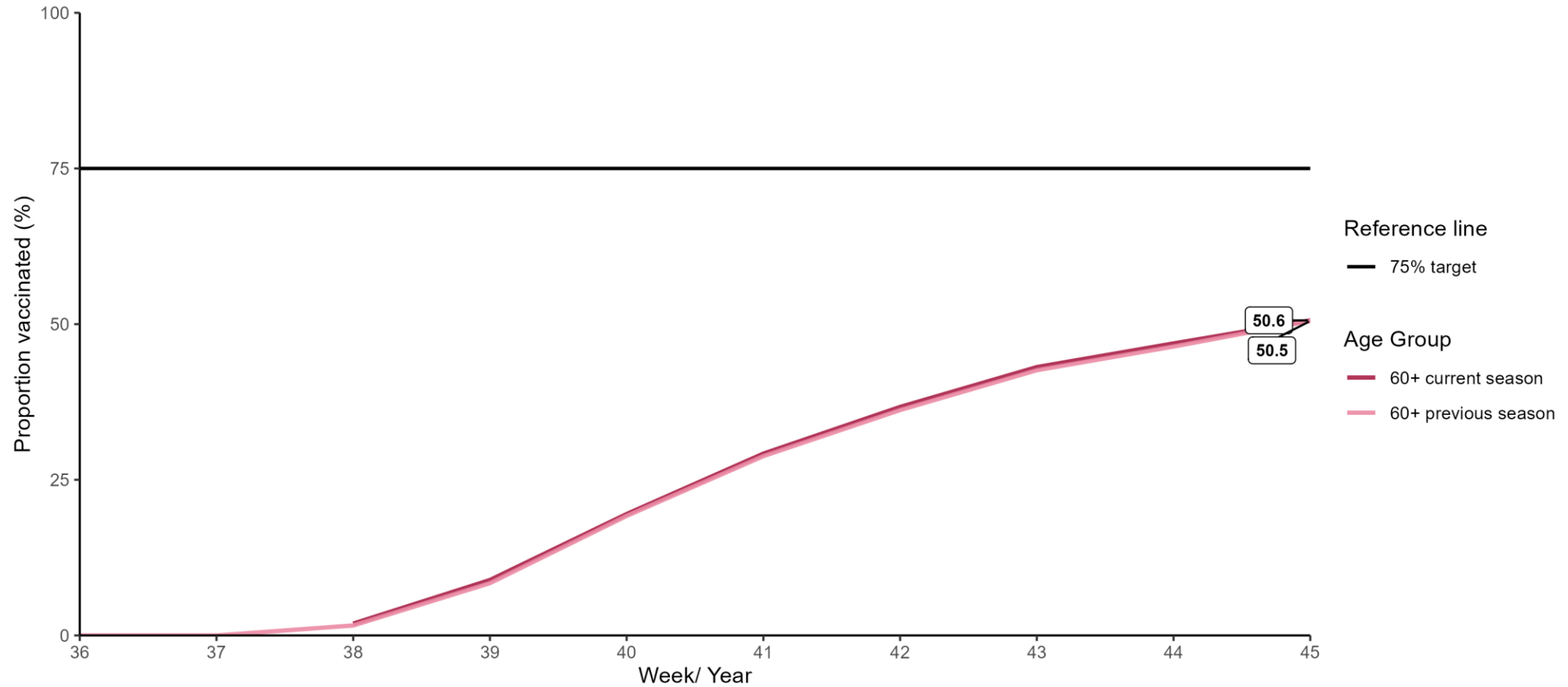
² One dose twice a year (six months apart) is recommended

³ One dose once a year is recommended

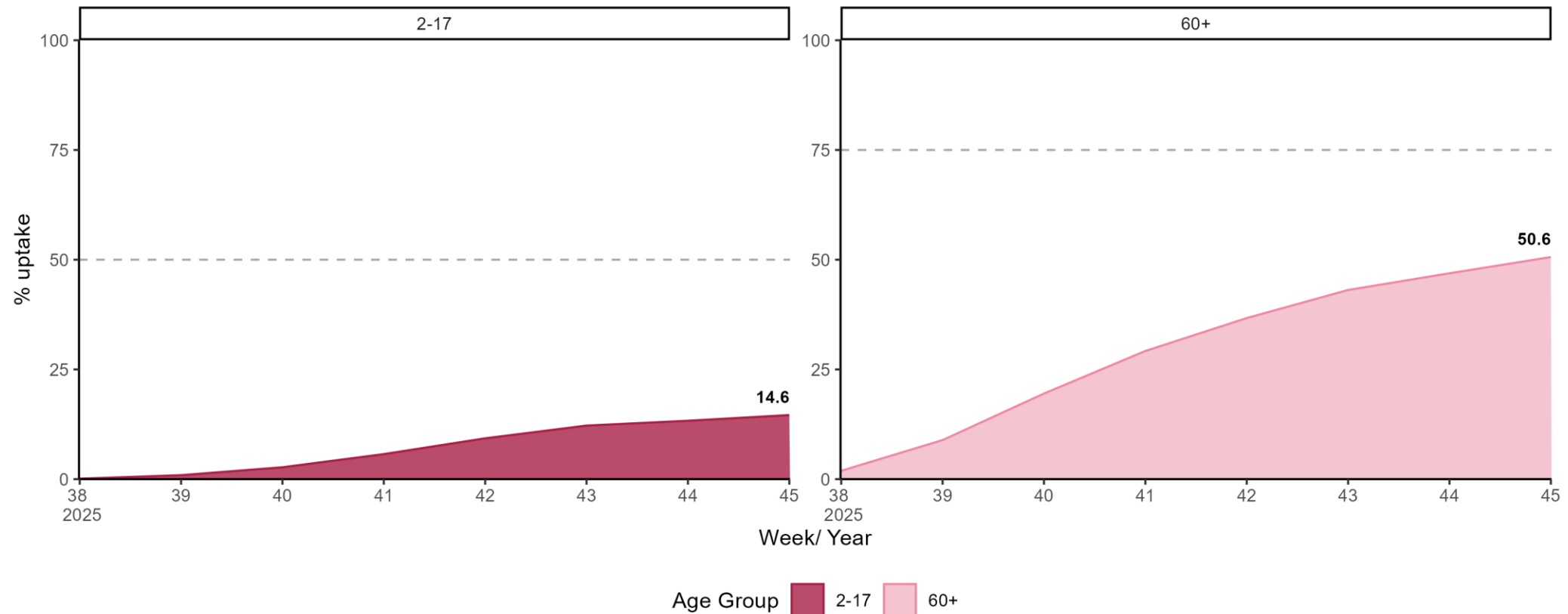
HF Influenza vaccination uptake in children aged 2-17 years in 2025/2026 season vs same period in previous season



HF Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 60+ years in 2025/2026 season vs same period in previous season

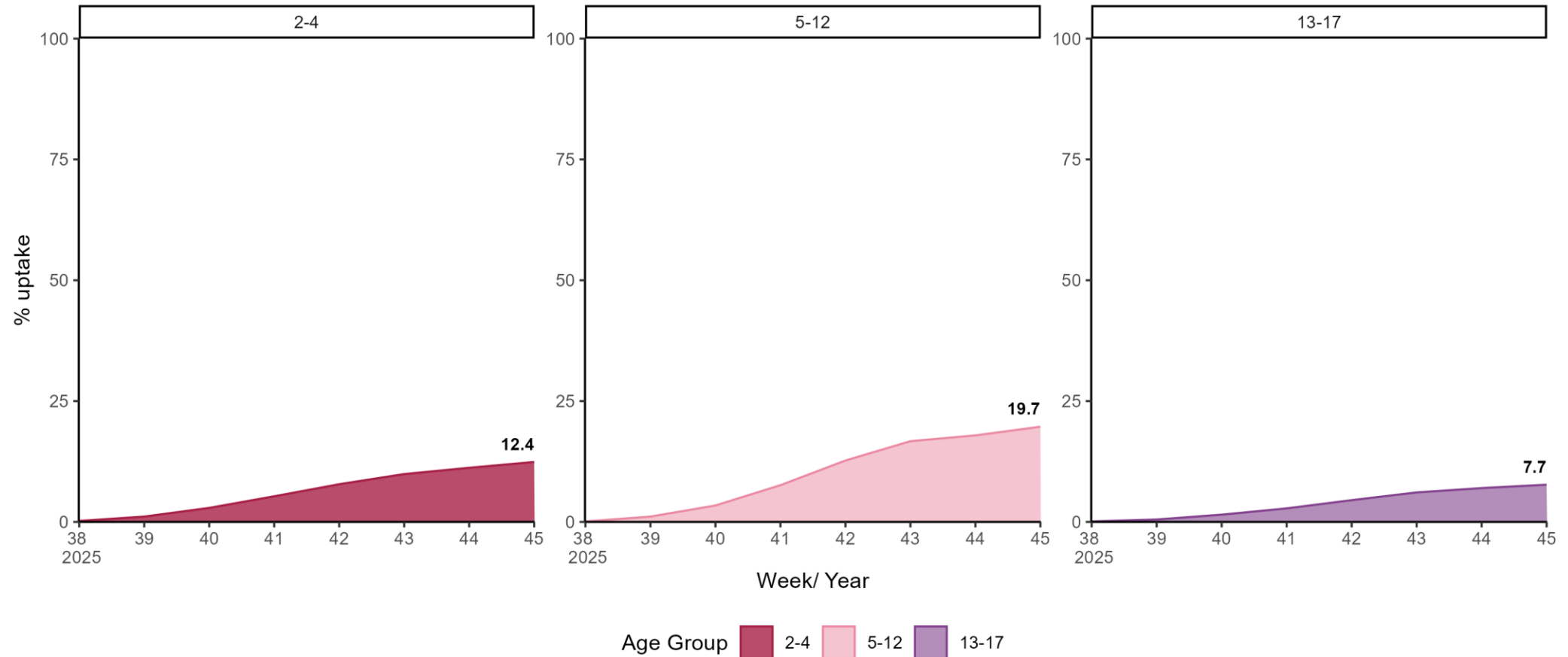


HE Influenza vaccination uptake by age group, 2025/2026 season



The reference lines (dashed lines) are target uptakes.
The target uptake is 50% for 2-17 year olds and is 75% for those aged 60+ years.

HE Influenza vaccination uptake in children by age group, 2025/2026 season



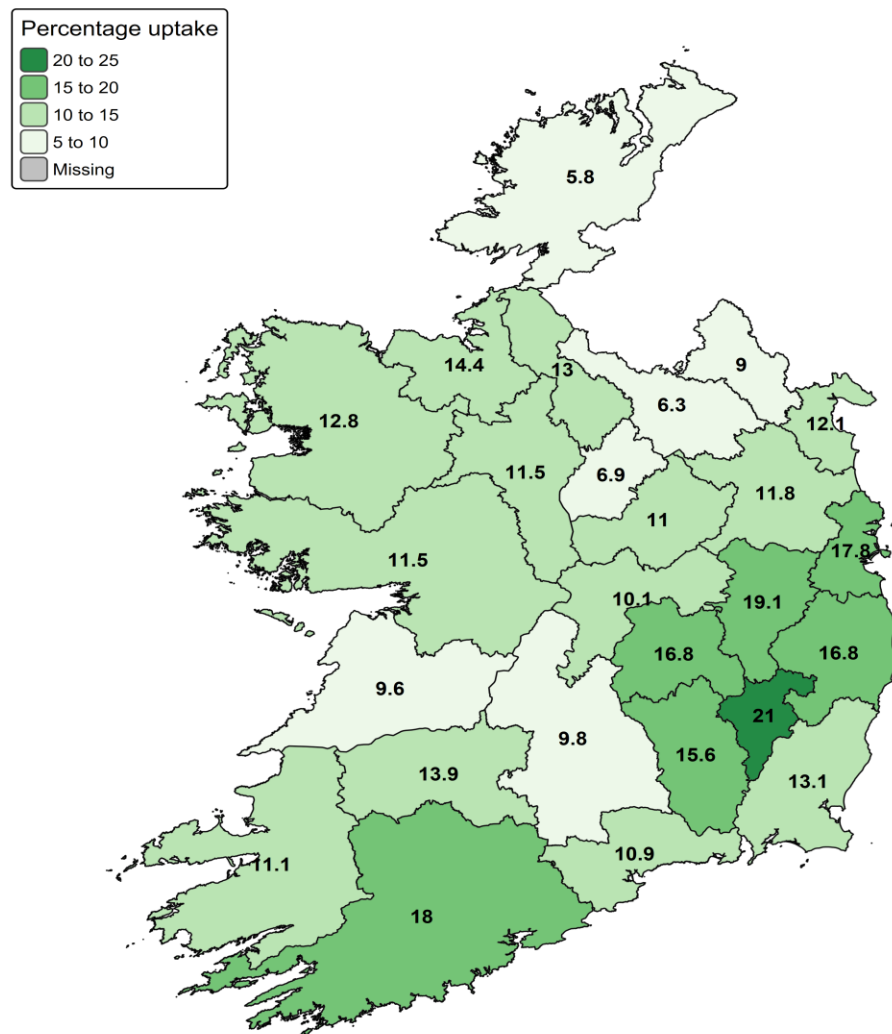
Percentage of Influenza vaccines administered by vaccinator and age group in the 2025/2026 season

Vaccinator for those 2-17 years	Percentage
GP	37.7%
HSE/Other	3.4%
Pharmacy	58.9%
Total	100.0%

Records are assigned to categories based on data system used to record Influenza vaccine data

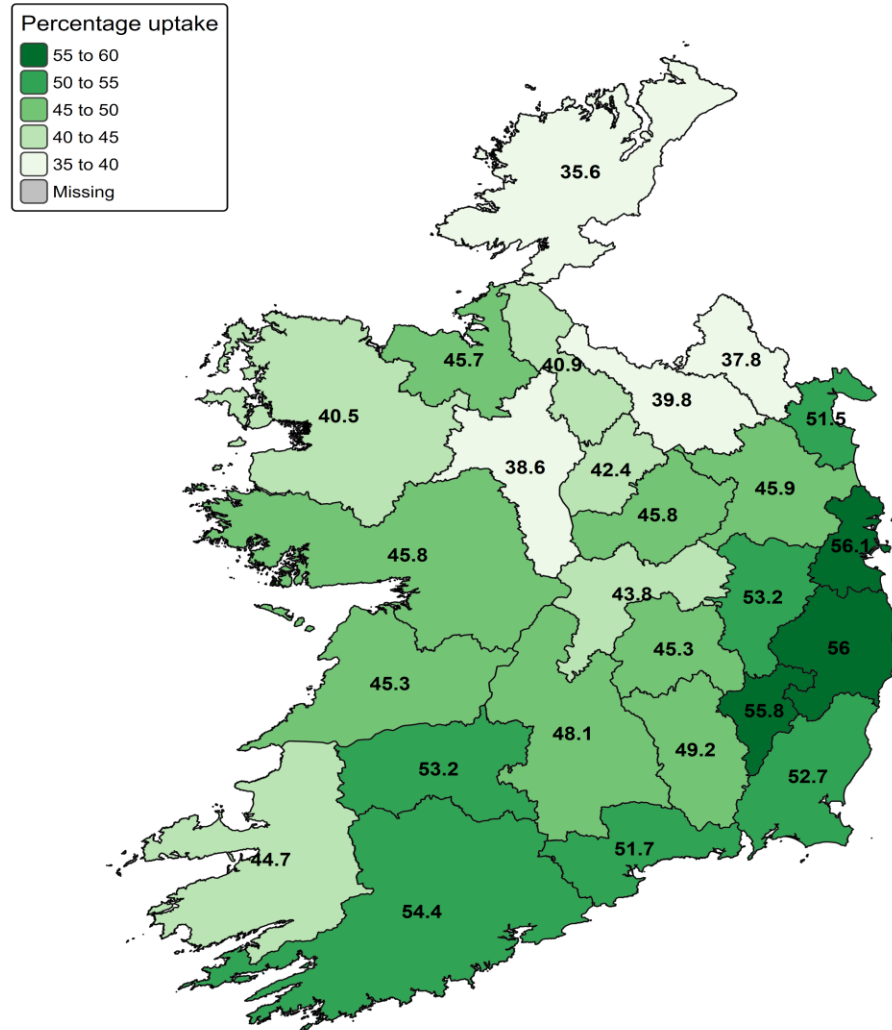
Vaccinator for those 60+ years	Percentage
GP	72.1%
HSE/Other	5.3%
Pharmacy	22.6%
Total	100.0%

HF Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 2-17 years by county of residence, 2025/2026 season



A small proportion of records are not assigned to a county or are Northern Ireland

HF Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 60+ years by county of residence, 2025/2026 season

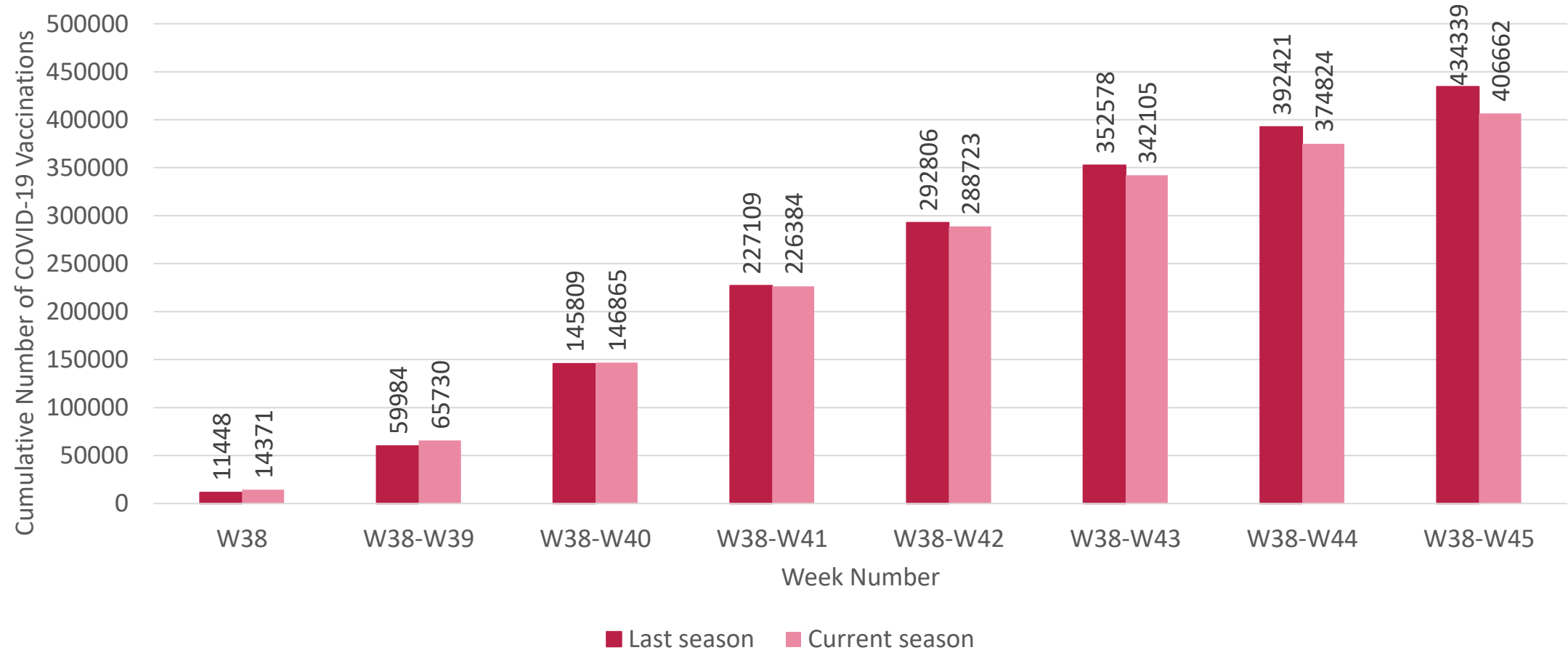


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HE COVID-19 vaccinations by week for 2025/2026 season

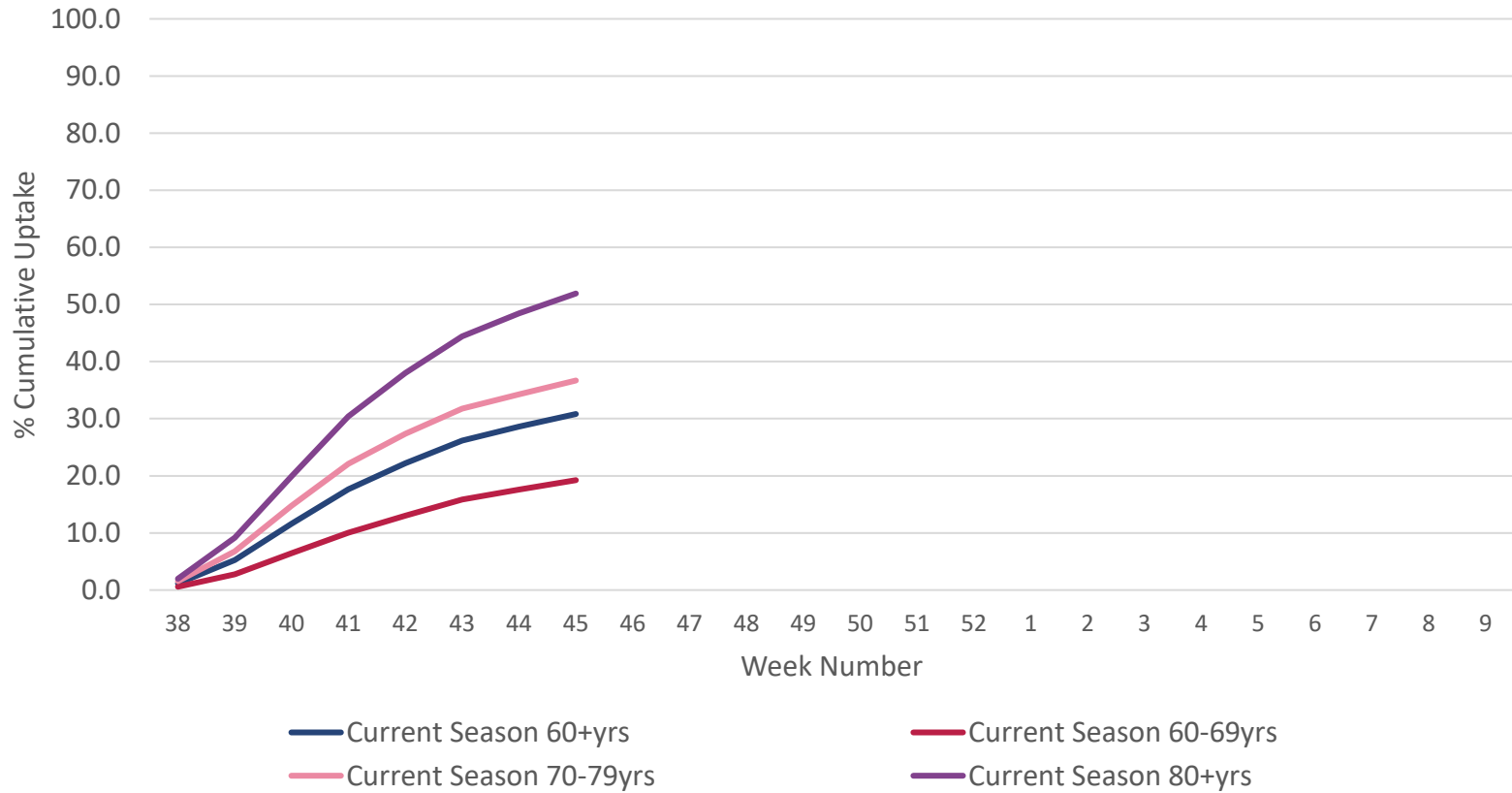


HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccinations by week for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 seasons



HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake by age group, 2025/2026 season

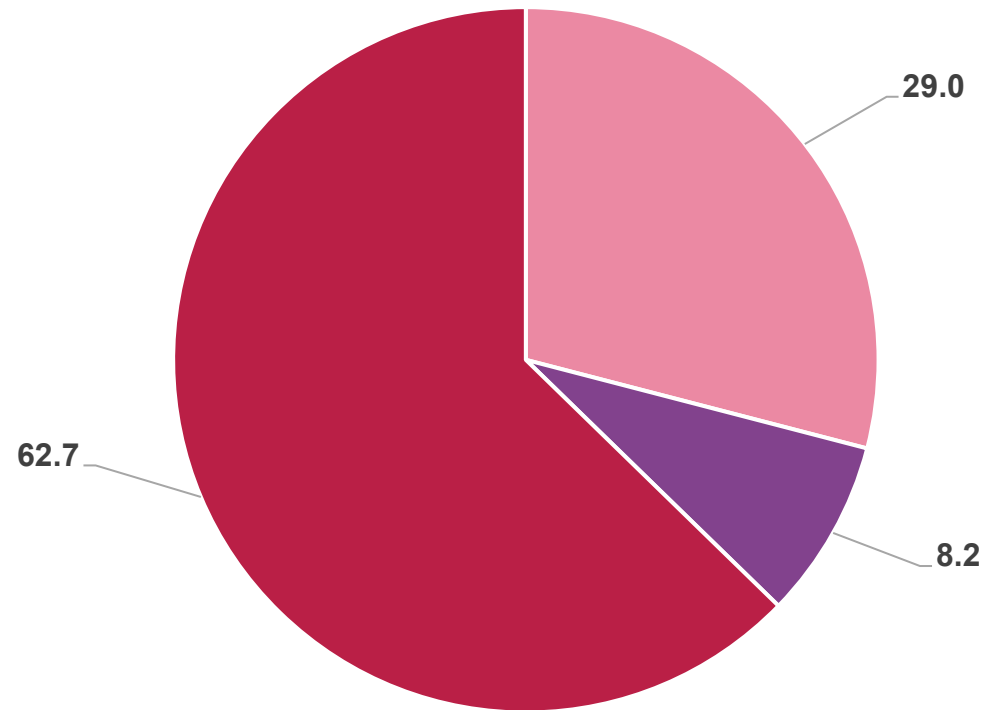
60+, 60-69, 70-79, 80+ Years



All those 60-79 year olds are recommended the COVID-19 vaccine once a year but 80+ year olds are recommended it twice a year

Week number	Age group	No. vaccinated	Population estimate	% uptake
W38-W45, 2025	60+yrs	323281	1048985	30.8
	60-69yrs	98277	510814	19.2
	70-79yrs	131020	357144	36.7
	80+yrs	93984	181027	51.9

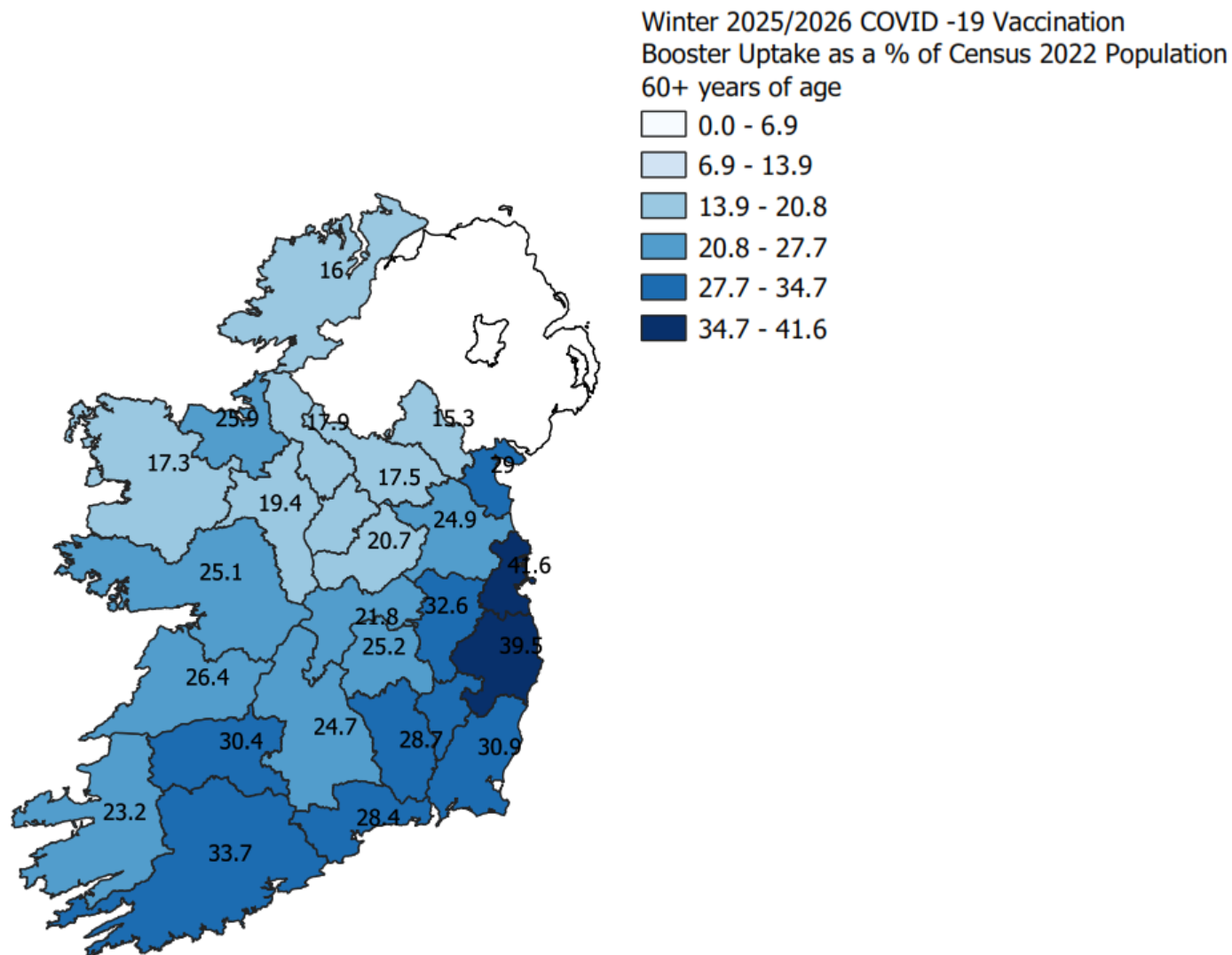
Proportion of those vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine, by vaccinator, 2025/2026 season



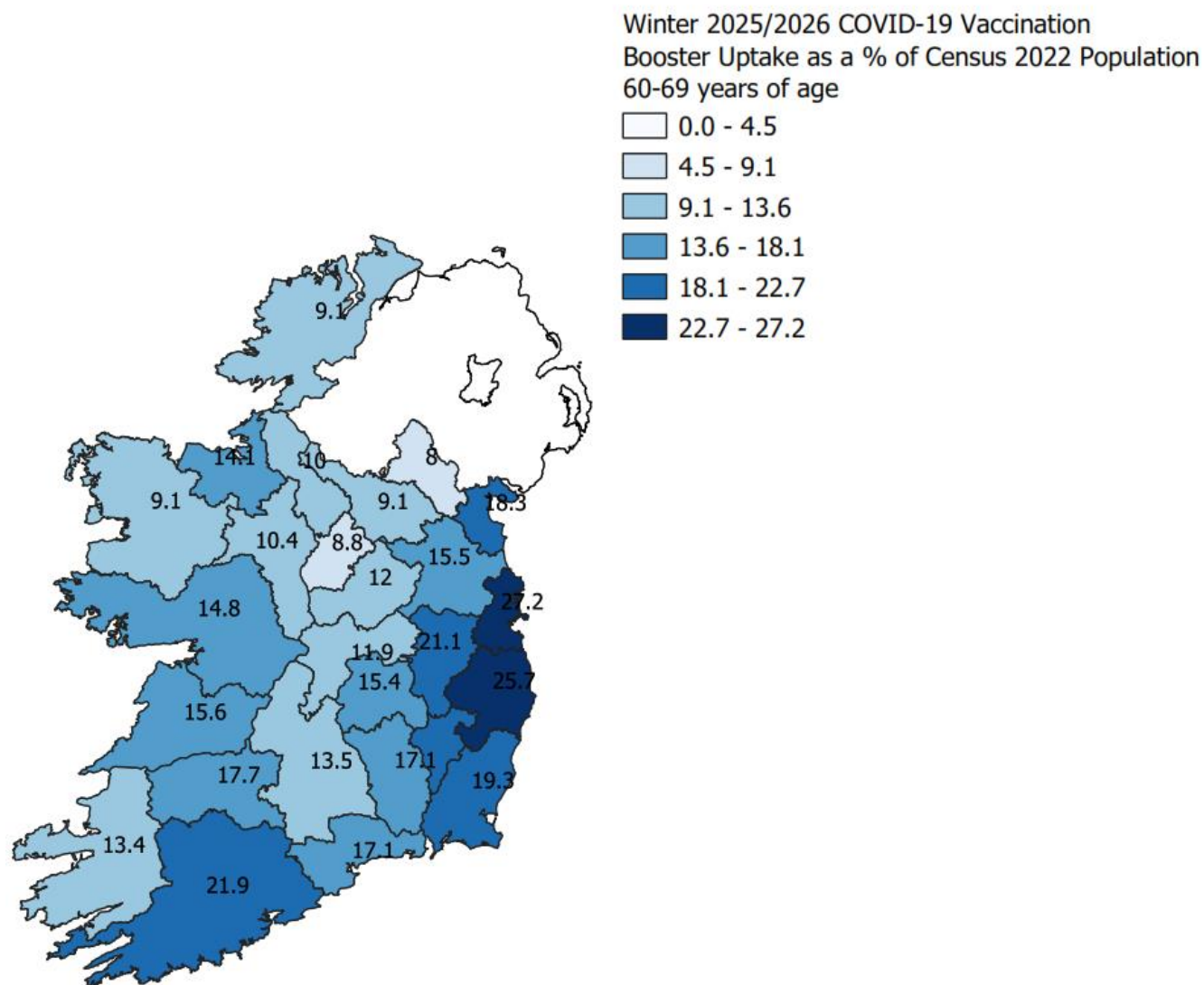
■ Pharmacy ■ HSE ■ GP

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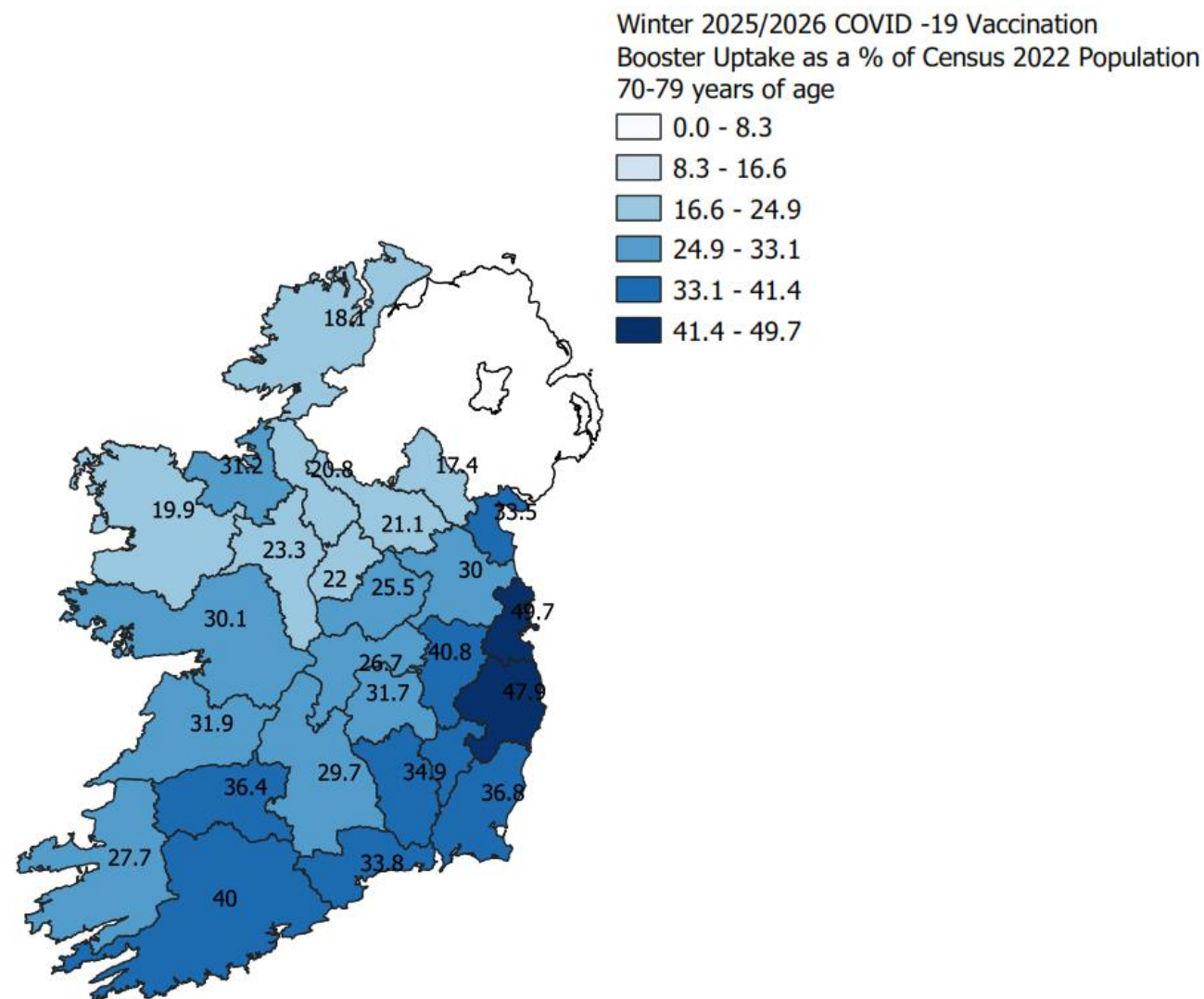
HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake in 60+ year olds and county of residence, 2025/2026 season



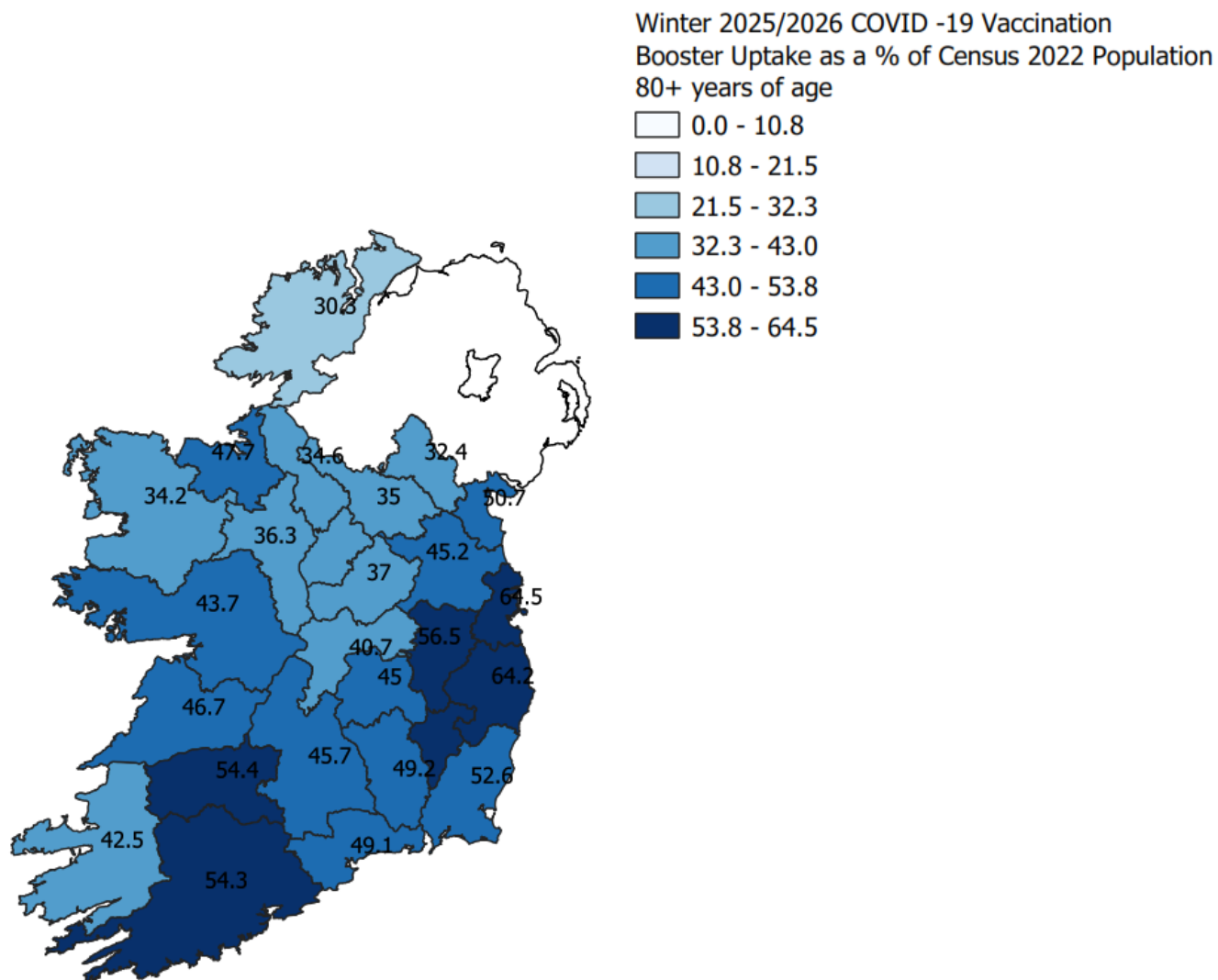
HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake in 60-69 year olds and county of residence, 2025/2026 season



HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake in 70-79 year olds and county of residence, 2025/2026 season



HF Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake in 80+ year olds and county of residence, 2025/2026 season

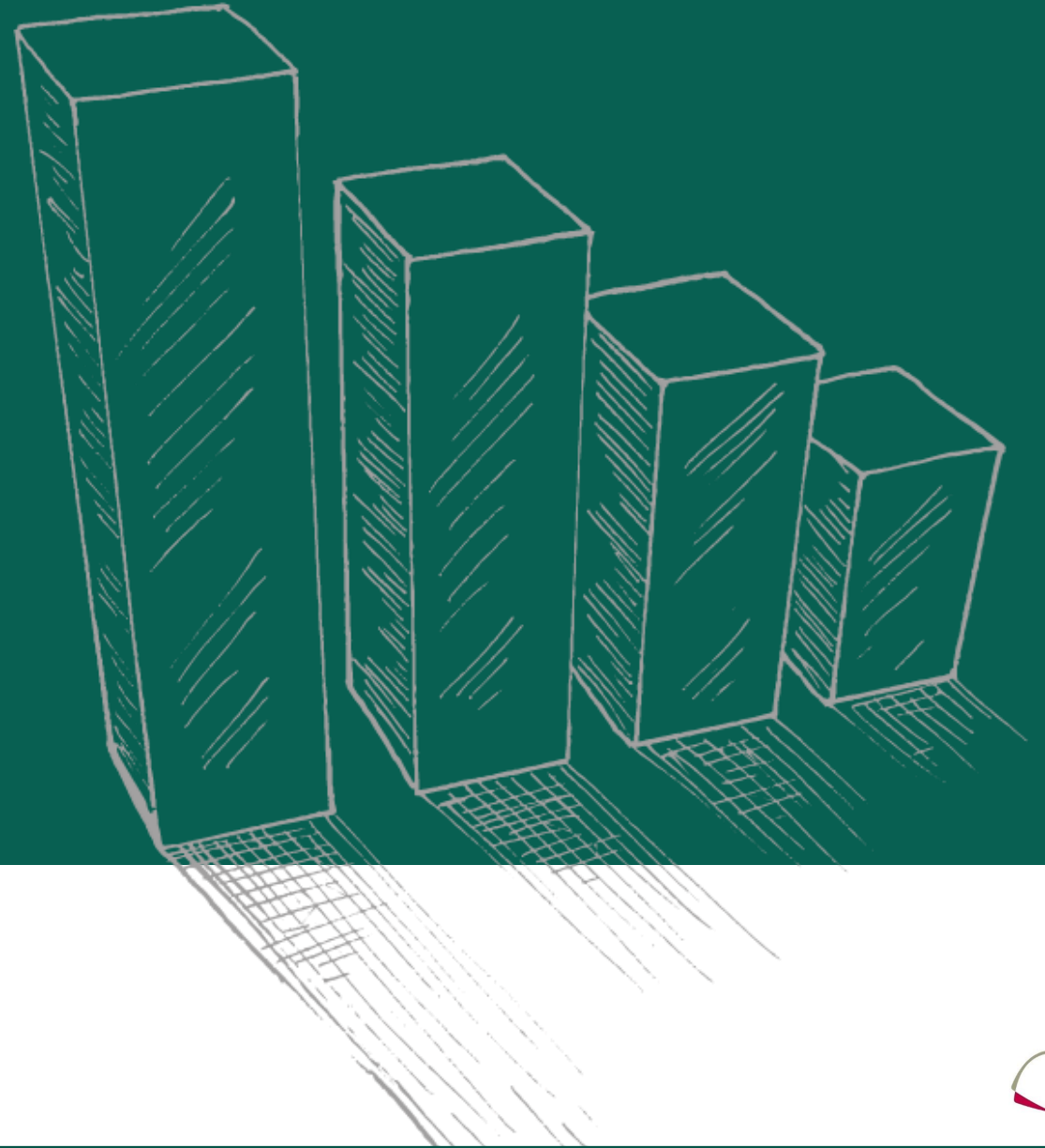


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Appendices



Groups recommended to get Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines in autumn/winter 2025/2026

Summary of groups recommended to receive influenza and COVID-19 vaccines in autumn/winter 2025/2026

Groups	Influenza vaccine	COVID-19 vaccine
≥60 years	Recommended for all	Recommended for all
2 to 17 years	Recommended for all	Recommended for those with immunocompromise or with an underlying medical condition
18 years and older living in long term care facilities for older adults	Recommended for all ¹	Recommended for all
6 months and older with immunocompromise ²	Recommended for all	Recommended for all
6 months and older with an underlying medical risk factor ²	Recommended for all	Recommended for all
Pregnancy	Recommended for all	Recommended if in another risk group ³ Available in each pregnancy for those who choose to receive a vaccine
Healthcare workers (HCWs)	Recommended for all	Recommended if in another risk group ⁴ Available in autumn/winter 2025/2026 for all HCWs who choose to receive a vaccine
Carers and household contacts of people with underlying chronic health conditions ⁵	Recommended for all	Not recommended unless in another risk group ⁴
People with close, regular contact with pigs, poultry or water fowl	Recommended for all	Not recommended unless in another risk group ⁴
Adults aged 18-59 years without underlying medical risk factors	Not recommended	One dose should be available each year for those who choose to receive a vaccine following discussion with a healthcare provider

- 1 An influenza vaccine is also recommended for those aged 18 years and older living in other long stay facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow the introduction of infection
- 2 As defined in the NIAC chapters; COVID-19 Chapter 5a and influenza Chapter 11 (and outlined in the table below). Further information also in Chapter 3 of the NIAC guidelines
- 3 One COVID-19 vaccine dose is recommended in each pregnancy for those with immunocompromise or with medical conditions associated with severe COVID-19 infection as defined in the NIAC COVID-19 Chapter 5a and outlined in the table below). Please note that this recommendation is not just seasonal, a COVID-19 vaccine should be available at any time of the year. It can be given at any stage of pregnancy but ideally between 20 and 34 weeks' gestation
- 4 Risk groups as defined in Chapter 5a of the NIAC Guidelines (i.e. 60 years and older, those with immunocompromise and those with a medical risk factor/underlying medical condition are recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in autumn/winter 2025/2026)
- 5 As defined in NIAC Influenza Chapter 11: A carer is someone who provides ongoing significant level of care to a person who is in need of care in the home due to illness or disability or frailty. Medical risk factors/Underlying health conditions are listed in the table below.

Groups recommended to get Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines in autumn/winter 2025/2026

Medical risk factor/underlying medical condition

Medical risk factor influenza*	Medical risk factor COVID**
Cancer	Cancer
Chronic heart disease	Chronic heart disease
Chronic kidney disease	Chronic kidney disease
Chronic liver disease	Chronic liver disease
Chronic neurological disease	Chronic neurological disease
Chronic respiratory disease	Chronic respiratory disease
Diabetes and other metabolic disorders, including inherited metabolic disorders	Diabetes and other metabolic disorders included inherited metabolic disorders
Haemoglobinopathies	Haemoglobinopathies
Immunocompromise due to disease or treatment***	Immunocompromise due to disease or treatment
Body mass index $\geq 40\text{kg/m}^2$	Body mass index $\geq 40\text{kg/m}^2$
Serious mental health conditions	Serious mental health conditions
Children and adults with Down syndrome	Children and adults with Down syndrome
Children with moderate to severe neurodevelopmental disorders	-
Children on long term aspirin therapy	-

* This list is not exhaustive, and the medical practitioner should apply clinical judgment to consider the risk of influenza exacerbating any medical condition that a patient may have, as well as the risk of serious illness from influenza.

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*** See Chapter 3 of the NIAC guidelines

Useful Links:

https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/NIAC/Immunisation_Guidelines/Chapter_05a_COVID-19.pdf

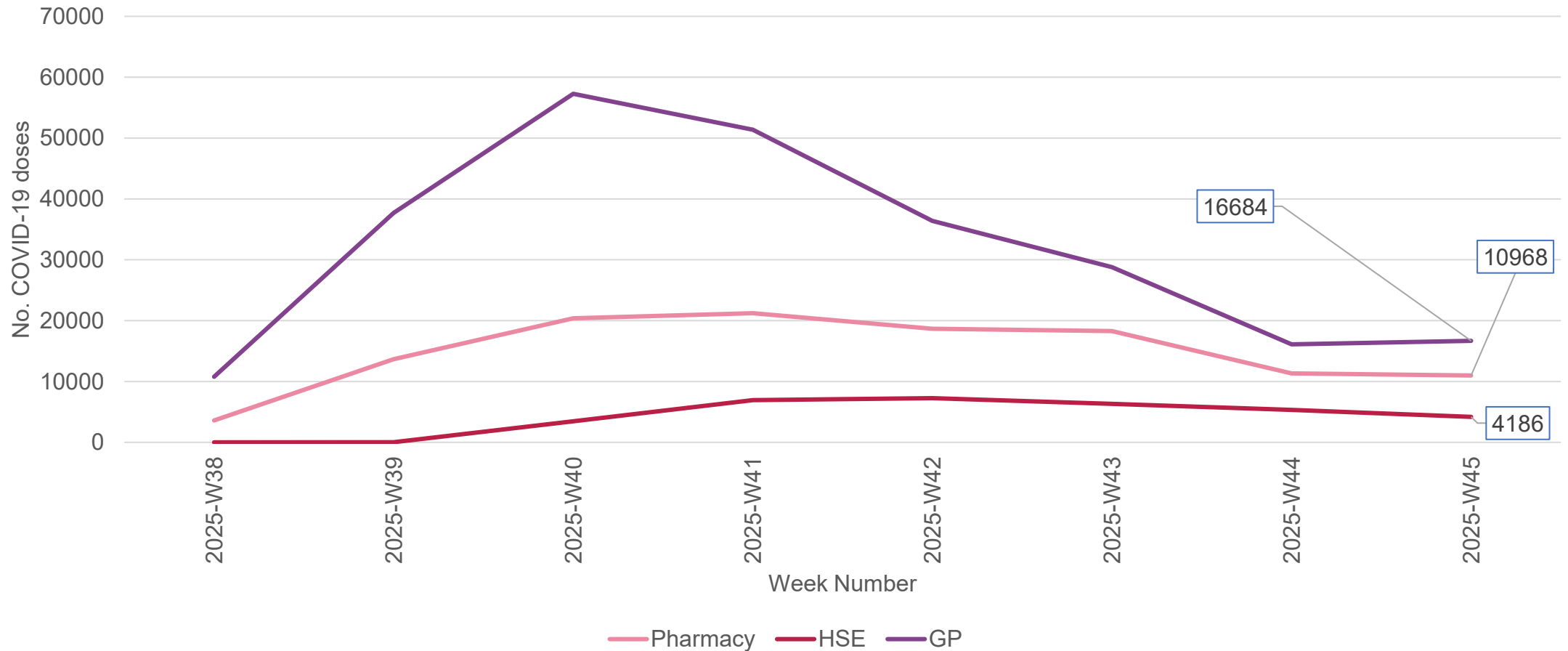
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https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/NIAC/Immunisation_Guidelines/Chapter_03_Immunisation_of_the_Immunocompromised.pdf

Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine uptake - methodology

- The National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) collects vaccination data related influenza vaccines administered to the Irish population by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and community vaccinators
- The HSE IIS team provides the HPSC with weekly pseudonymised datasets based on NIIS data for analysis. The Influenza dataset includes records on HSE scheme (public) and private (paid) vaccinations
- The uptake rates are calculated as follows:
 - Uptake rates by age group are calculated based on the proportion of individuals in the specified age group who are vaccinated during the period outlined in slide one
 - Rates by age groups for the current season are calculated using Census 2022 data as the denominator
- Influenza vaccine uptake target is 50% for children aged 2-17 years and is 75% for those aged 60 years and over, health care workers (HCW) and long-term care facility (LTCF) residents

Weekly count of COVID-19 vaccinations by vaccinator, 2025/2026 season



Cumulative COVID-19 vaccinations by age group and county of residence, 2025/2026 season

County of Residence	0.5-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	60+	70+	0.5-59	Total
Carlow	16	63	117	206	478	1145	1484	1137	3766	2621	880	4646
Cavan	7	45	66	103	254	763	1199	1005	2967	2204	475	3442
Clare	24	100	191	376	875	2202	3270	2224	7696	5494	1566	9262
Cork	261	878	1884	3123	5126	12860	16473	11503	40836	27976	11272	52108
Donegal	22	93	163	284	575	1692	2501	2101	6294	4602	1137	7431
Dublin	491	2700	7003	8768	13305	34631	43869	31511	110011	75380	32267	142278
Galway	66	321	711	1025	1734	4137	5834	4491	14462	10325	3857	18319
Kerry	23	142	250	466	954	2550	3869	2758	9177	6627	1835	11012
Kildare	77	339	652	1104	1887	4573	5727	3176	13476	8903	4059	17535
Kilkenny	20	106	230	375	773	1937	2723	1973	6633	4696	1504	8137
Laois	19	85	145	307	618	1329	1756	1117	4202	2873	1174	5376
Leitrim	3	25	30	67	155	419	622	518	1559	1140	280	1839
Limerick	55	231	493	742	1465	3837	5717	4112	13666	9829	2986	16652
Longford	3	23	39	89	157	414	768	625	1807	1393	311	2118
Louth	28	123	254	443	880	2411	3089	2329	7829	5418	1728	9557
Mayo	18	74	162	244	569	1564	2511	2199	6274	4710	1067	7341
Meath	42	177	401	630	1173	2964	3796	2557	9317	6353	2423	11740
Monaghan	6	30	54	71	175	549	837	763	2149	1600	336	2485
Offaly	12	61	101	158	403	1037	1600	1205	3842	2805	735	4577
Roscommon	8	38	73	131	270	873	1364	1142	3379	2506	520	3899
Sligo	18	65	121	241	440	1171	1869	1426	4466	3295	885	5351
Tipperary	30	142	217	451	998	2550	4005	3147	9702	7152	1838	11540
Waterford	36	167	304	483	943	2328	3270	2457	8055	5727	1933	9988
Westmeath	12	66	104	235	487	1166	1653	1219	4038	2872	904	4942
Wexford	61	197	353	597	1327	3496	4688	3283	11467	7971	2535	14002
Wicklow	52	243	527	843	1486	4101	5337	3360	12798	8697	3151	15949
Northern Ireland	0	1	12	7	13	12	24	14	50	38	33	83
NULL	4	116	269	459	842	1566	1165	632	3363	1797	1690	5053
Total incl NI, Null County	1414	6651	14926	22028	38362	98277	131020	93984	323281	225004	83381	406662
Total excl NI, Null County	1410	6534	14645	21562	37507	96699	129831	93338	319868	223169	81658	401526

Cumulative COVID-19 doses by type and by age group, 2025/2026 season

Age Group	COVID-19 Primary	COVID-19 Booster	Total
0.5-4	13	8	21
5-9	6	25	31
10-14	9	190	199
15-19	18	1145	1163
20-24	32	2710	2742
25-29	52	3857	3909
30-34	69	6348	6417
35-39	85	8424	8509
40-44	85	9961	10046
45-49	76	11906	11982
50-54	101	16066	16167
55-59	120	22075	22195
60-64	199	42093	42292
65-69	311	55674	55985
70-74	313	64599	64912
75-79	147	65961	66108
80-84	82	49564	49646
85+	92	44246	44338
Total	1810	404852	406662