

CRITERIA for HIGHER RISK PATIENTS TO RECEIVE A LETTER

1. Solid organ transplant recipients
2. People with specific cancers:
 - people with cancer and are having chemotherapy
 - people with lung cancer and are having radical radiotherapy
 - people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
 - people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
 - people having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
 - people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
3. People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe COPD. The criteria used to identify severe asthma and COPD can be found here:
4. People with rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as SCID, homozygous sickle cell).
5. People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection. The relevant immunosuppression therapies are listed here:
6. Women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired

Severe asthma:

- patients on LABA as well as ICS AND/OR on montelukast
- patients who have had prednisolone prescriptions 4 or more times between July 2019 and December 2019

Severe COPD:

- on triple inhaled therapy on any combination – so LABA/LAMA/ICS
- or patients on roflumilast