

OCCG Flu Up-date No 7 (07.10.20)

NHS England Friday update, sent to all GP practices on 02.10.20 included :

- Flu Vaccine - Central Reserve
- Pre-ordering for flu season 2021/22
- Pneumococcal vaccination of risk groups
- People with learning disabilities
- Communication and engagement
- Vaccines and porcine gelatine
- National call/recall letters

Last call for requests for support with flu vaccination of housebound patients

This is a final call for practices to advise if they want some support with vaccinating housebound patients who are not currently on the district nursing caseload. Please let us know how many of your patients are living in their own homes (not care homes) and unable to leave their house for a flu vaccination due to illness, frailty or disability. **_Send numbers only, no patient data should be included.**

We are currently in discussion with potential providers about available capacity but this is likely to be limited so please continue to plan for vaccination of housebound patients until we can confirm how much support is available.

Please send responses to occg.flu@nhs.net by **Friday 16 October**.

School Aged Flu Immunisation Programme – Update from the Immunisation Team / School Health Nurse (SHN) team

Children's flu programme – Oxford Health's School Health Nurse Immunisation Teams will be offering the nasal flu vaccine to more than **68,000 children** between October and December 2020. This year the cohort includes all Oxfordshire children in primary schools and Year 7 in secondary schools, born between 01/09/2008 and 31/08/2016.

How it works – Each of the 324 educational establishments in Oxfordshire will receive **one** immunisation session held in school. Children who are absent on the day of immunisation, or are unsuitable for a live (nasal) flu vaccine, will receive information to book an appointment at one of the Immunisation Team/ School Health Nurse clinics. This information will be widely

shared with school staff and parent/carers to ensure. Only at-risk children who are eligible for the vaccine through the GP practice will be referred to their GP surgery.

Children at higher clinical risk – parents of at-risk children eligible to receive vaccine at school can choose for their child to receive the vaccine in school or in general practice, especially if their school session is later in the year. Please remind parents of any children vaccinated in general practice that they need to withdraw their electronic consent for the school programme, to avoid immunising children twice.

Consent and record keeping – We are continuing to use an electronic consent process. This system will email details of the vaccination given to every parent/carer of children immunised.

Informing GP practices – Information on children who receive the immunisation will be shared with the practice which the child's parent/carers have given as the registered practice. Lists will be sent to the practice at least once a week during the programme, so that the records can be updated.

As #TeamNHS colleagues, we wish you well with your practice flu campaigns this year! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about the children's programme at: Flu.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Exhausted Vaccine supply?

There will be times when a practice has exhausted a particular vaccine in between deliveries. We recommend you try to source vaccines from the manufacturer or other GP practices using the MHRA guidance. If additional vaccines are not available, we recommend you concentrate on vaccinating the groups you do have supply for. NHS England is drafting some text that can be used to reassure your patients being circulated in the 9 October NHS England Newsletter.

Oxfordshire GP practices - Please forward your flu queries to occg.flu@nhs.net

If you would like additional staff to be included in the Flu Lead distribution list, please email Hilary Munube, IP&C Lead, Oxfordshire CCG h.munube@nhs.net