

BOB Flu Update No 4 (26.08.20)

Oxfordshire CCG Primary Care

Recent Guidance / Updated Guidance

Date	Issued by	Content
20.08.20	NHS England / Public Health England	Updated National Guidance: Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations. Page 14 states: In some clinical outpatient settings, such as vaccination / injection clinics, where contact with individuals is minimal, the need for single use PPE items for each encounter, for example, <i>gloves and aprons are not necessary</i> . Staff administering vaccinations / injections must apply hand hygiene between patients and wear a sessional facemask.

Availability of Vaccines for 2020 / 2021 Children's Flu Programme

PHE have confirmed that they plan to open ordering for Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) to all NHS providers of the 2020/21 children's flu programme on Friday 28 August, with first deliveries made from Wednesday 2 September. The inactivated vaccine (QIVe) for children in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is unsuitable will be available to order from ImmForm by early September.

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Anticipated order opening for all providers
Fluencz® Tetra (LAIV)	AstraZeneca	Friday 28 August
Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe)	Sanofi Pasteur	By early September

As always, these timings remain subject to change, and plans for vaccination sessions in both schools and general practices should be made with this in mind. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by PHE via the NIN, on the ImmForm website and through Vaccine Update.

LAIV Ordering

Ordering controls will be in place for Fluencz® Tetra to enable PHE to balance supply with demand. As in previous years ordering controls for general practices are tailored to each practice and work by allocating an amount of vaccine based on the number of registered eligible patients. Increases to the allocations will be applied as soon a sufficient stock becomes available – timescales have not been defined. The following is expected to be facilitated:

- Each GP practice will **initially** be allocated sufficient vaccine to vaccinate at least 50% of their eligible children (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years) when ordering commences.
- Subsequently, each GP practice will be allocated sufficient vaccine to vaccinate at least 70% of their eligible cohort (as above) by early October.

- Further amendments to these allocations will be made in response to demand and vaccine availability.
- Requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case by case basis throughout.

Financial Support for Oxfordshire Practices

We anticipate that further national funding may be provided to support practices with the flu campaign. However, in recognition of the additional workload generated by the Covid-19 outbreak we will be making a one off payment to all practices of £300. This funding can be used to support the purchase of items such as cool bags / cones / gazebos, etc. Practices are also able to utilise their Prescribing Incentive Scheme monies to support the campaign.

Supporting People with Learning Disabilities

As described by [PHE](#), if you have a patient with learning disabilities who is anxious about needles considerations should be given of less invasive alternatives. [Guidance for healthcare workers](#) says that medical practitioners can choose to use the nasal spray 'off label' and that this can be used for patients with learning difficulties who become seriously distressed with needles. This will need to be individually prescribed using a Patient Specific Direction.

Learning Disabilities – Coding / Recall

During last year's flu season it was identified that patients with learning disabilities were not always flagged on the EMIS / PRIMIS system as eligible for vaccination as the PRIMIS specification only included patients with learning disabilities where patients live in a residential care home. PRIMIS have confirmed that for 2020 /2021 learning disabilities are covered by their specification with two reporting categories included – Learning Disabilities and Severe Learning Disabilities. Practices should be aware that PRIMIS is not designed for recall or payment purposes.

Information Regarding Recording of Vaccines Administered by Community Pharmacists

NHS England will be using PharmOutcomes this year to support the community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccination service. This will automate both service audit and the GP notification process at pharmacies. Further information is included in this [letter](#).

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