Final push for flu immunisations in GP practice
January 2020

We want to thank all practices across the South West for your hard work in delivering the seasonal flu immunisation programme. Well done on your efforts to improve uptake and protect your more vulnerable population during an already busy time of year.

Please do continue to immunise your eligible patients. You can continue to immunise up until the end of March and will receive payment for each eligible patient.

Flu immunisation for children:

- You can still order Fluenz Tetra (LAIV) from Immform for your eligible 2- and 3-year olds and for your children under 18 years in clinical ‘at-risk’ groups.
- Practices can order up to 4 packs (40 doses) of Fluenz Tetra per week. If you require a larger order, please contact Immform directly: helpdesk@immform.org.uk

Flu immunisation for adults:

- Keep using your vaccine stock for your over 65s and your under 65s in ‘at-risk’ groups.
- As flu continues to spread in the population, you may see additional requests from patients for immunisation.
- The MHRA has allowed the movement of flu vaccine stock in 2019/20. If you are low on stock, please contact the Screening & Immunisation Team or your CCG as there may be practices with additional stock who wish to share their vaccine.

Top 5 things you can do to use your stock and keep vaccinating:

1. Check practice lists for eligible patients who haven’t yet been immunised – run a search for ‘at risk’ conditions and by patient age to find out which patients remain unvaccinated
2. Continue to call/text patients - remind them to attend for flu immunisation, recall until they attend or give an active decline
3. Immunise opportunistically – offer immunisation to eligible patients when they attend for other appointments or offer immunisation alongside existing clinics (e.g. diabetes, asthma, CHD etc)
4. Explain to patients why immunisation is important – not everyone sees themselves as vulnerable to flu; raise awareness, discuss the risk and explain why immunisation is a healthy choice
5. Make every contact count – ensure all staff in the practice understand the importance of flu immunisation and that they maximise opportunities to encourage patients to take up the offer
Flu vaccine ordering for 2020/21

NHS England has released its reimbursement guidance on flu vaccinations for the 2020/21 seasonal flu programme.


To help with interpreting the guidance, the Screening & Immunisation Team has produced a table that illustrates the reimbursable vaccines for each patient group:

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<tr>
<th>Age group</th>
<th>Recommended and reimbursed vaccine</th>
<th>Notes</th>
<th>Supplier info (as of 16.01.2020)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Over 65 years</td>
<td>aTIV</td>
<td>Please order for all over 65 patients. When there is no further stock of aTIV, practices can use QIVc</td>
<td>To be procured locally: aTIV – Seqirus</td>
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<td>Over 18 years to under 65 years at risk</td>
<td>QIVc or QIVe</td>
<td>It reduces the impacts of a supply issue if stock is ordered from more than one supplier.</td>
<td>To be procured locally: QIVc – Seqirus QIVe – Multiple suppliers (e.g. Sanofi Pasteur, GSK, Mylan, Masta)</td>
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<td>2 years to under 18 years at risk (no contraindications)</td>
<td>LAIV – ordered from Immform</td>
<td>From Immform: LAIV – Astra Zeneca</td>
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<td>6 months to under 2 years</td>
<td>QIVe – ordered from Immform</td>
<td>From Immform: QIVe – brand TBC</td>
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<td>2 years to under 9 years at risk and contraindicated to LAIV</td>
<td>QIVe – ordered from Immform</td>
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<td>9 years to under 18 years at risk and contraindicated to LAIV</td>
<td>QIVc – locally procured</td>
<td>Where QIVc is unavailable, QIVe from Immform can be used or the practice can use locally procured QIVe and be reimbursed by NHSE</td>
<td>To be procured locally: QIVc – Seqirus (will be reimbursed by NHSE)</td>
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If you have any queries, please contact the South West Screening & Immunisation Team: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net