

Public Health GP Bulletin

Section 7a: Screening & Immunisations



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About this bulletin

The NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) South West Integrated Public Health Team has taken over responsibility from the NHSE/I South West Primary Care Team for collating and issuing a rebranded, weekly Public Health GP Bulletin. This weekly bulletin is the main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 579 practices in Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The bulletins contain important public health information for practice managers on Section 7a screening and immunisation programmes, which are commissioned by NHSE/I. Content may include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

Current issues and back copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSE/I website [here](#).

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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Key Deadlines

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- **Items for all Practices**

RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 27.08.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please find attached one supplementary document.

Importance of an accurate Summary Care Record – in the context of screening

It is well known that the within healthcare how essential it is for the Summary Care Record to be accurate and up to date. Screening services access the Summary Care Record through the Spine to invite eligible persons to the relevant screening programme. However, as commissioners of all cancer screening and non-cancer screening under section 7A, we have seen a few incidences recently where invitations for screening may have been sent to a person who has since deceased, or where additional needs have not been identified as the records were not accurate or up to date, causing distress to their families. A gentle reminder therefore to ensure that processes relating to the updating of this information are reviewed frequently within the practice to minimise this risk.

Vaccines for the 2021/22 children’s flu programme supplied by PHE - Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) now available to order

***** The most up to date information on the availability of all children’s flu vaccines provided by PHE is available on the ImmForm news page. Please check this information regularly*****

Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) is now available to order by providers of the children’s flu programme in England via ImmForm.

First deliveries for Fluenz® Tetra will be made on Wednesday 1 September. Please be mindful of the bank holiday schedule (see [ImmForm News](#)) when placing orders.

Inactivated vaccines, for children in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable, or eligible healthy children who object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content, are expected to be available to order by mid-September.

LAIV ordering information for General Practice

As in previous years, ordering controls are in place for Fluenz® Tetra to enable PHE to balance supply with demand. 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. Each GP practice has initially been 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). Increases to the allocations will be applied as soon as sufficient stock becomes available to do so and we expect to be able to allocate sufficient vaccine for GPs to vaccinate at least 70% of their eligible cohort by mid-October. Further amendments to these allocations will be made in response to demand and vaccine availability, and requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case by case basis throughout.

LAIV ordering information for school-age providers

For the first time in 2021/22, school teams will be able to place 2 orders, and receive 2 deliveries of LAIV per week to assist in the management of vaccine volumes required across limited storage space at delivery points.

This will operate on a 48-hour delivery schedule requiring the order to be placed before the 11.55am cut off 2 working days before the required delivery day. The table below illustrates the respective delivery day versus ordering day.

Order day (before 11.55am cut off)	Delivery day
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday (PLEASE NOTE: deliveries placed on Friday 27 th August will be delivered on Wednesday 1 st September due to bank holiday scheduling)

Please ensure that the point of delivery will be open and manned on the delivery day when placing orders.

Please note that this does not affect the ordering and delivery schedule of any other vaccines (including inactivated flu vaccines) ordered from ImmForm and is applicable to Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) only.

A default ordering cap of 450 packs (4500 doses) per week, per ImmForm account is in place for school providers.

- Where the 450 pack cap is insufficient and a provider needs a larger weekly volume of vaccine to deliver the programme (for example where a provider covers a large area using a single account), a higher weekly cap can be requested via the PHE Vaccine Operations team by emailing childfluvaccine@phe.gov.uk. These requests

may take a few days to action and should therefore be made well in advance of need.

- For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via helpdesk@immform.org.uk in good time before the order cut-off.

Inactivated flu vaccine ordering

From mid-September, PHE will also be supplying 2 inactivated vaccines for the 2021/22 season:

- Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe) which should only be ordered for children in clinical risk groups aged from six months to less than 2 years old, with an initial order cap of 2 doses per week.
- Flucelvax Tetra (QIVc), which is available for:
 - Children aged 2 to <18 years old in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is unsuitable; and:
 - Healthy children from 2 years old and all eligible school aged cohorts, who object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content.
 - This vaccine will be available in a single dose pack to GPs, with an initial order cap of 8 doses per week.
 - This vaccine will be available to school-age providers in a ten-dose pack with an order cap of 45 packs per week. Each pack will be supplied with a separate pack of ten PILs.

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