

South West Public Health

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ICARS Newsletter 19.08.22

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter attached to this email.

Children's immunisation programmes – including Flu for 2 and 3 year olds and those at-risk:

Two sets of stickers have been designed and produced to support childhood immunisation, including the flu programme for 2 and 3 year olds and at-risk children.

Choosing a sticker can be a helpful distraction and wearing one signals to your peers that you have been vaccinated. These stickers can be ordered via the below links; one set for under 5 year olds and one set for over 5 year olds and adults.

[Immunisation stickers for age 5 years to adult - butterfly design - Health Publications](#)

[Immunisation stickers for under 5 years age group - bear design - Health Publications](#)

You may like to consider ordering stickers for use in all childhood vaccination clinics including Flu.

Flu Vaccine Availability Update

Vaccines and availability

The table below shows the 3 vaccines available, preliminary indicative ordering dates, and the groups these vaccines vaccination sessions should take account of this.

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Available to order for	Anticipated order opening for providers
Fluenz [®] Tetra (LAIV)	AstraZeneca	All children aged 2-3 years, those in <u>eligible school age cohorts</u> , and children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years*	Thursday 1 st September (first deliveries Monday 5 th September)
Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc)	Seqirus	Eligible** children for whom LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable	Early – mid September
Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe)	Sanofi Pasteur	Children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to <2 years	Early – mid September

*unless clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable.

** Children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years, healthy children aged 2-3 years, and those in eligible school age cohorts

New *flu* PGDs authorised for NHS medical practices in the South West of England

Your team can now download new Patient Group Directions (PGDs) that have been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Before staff use these, your organisation should ensure that those members of staff have signed section 7, and that this has been counter-signed by an authorising manager.

Note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation for administration or supply of prescription-only medicines by a [limited number](#) of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

Two new PGDs have been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use.

1. Inactivated influenza vaccine PGD V11.00 - valid from 1 September 2022

for the administration of inactivated influenza vaccine to individuals in accordance with the national influenza immunisation programme

Changes from V10.00:

- include only eligible cohorts for the 2022 to 2023 season
- include the inactivated influenza vaccines for the 2022 to 2023 season
- remove the exclusion of ‘individuals who are less than 2 years of age and have had a severe anaphylactic reaction to egg which has previously required intensive care’ and update cautions and off-label section to advise egg-free cell-based influenza vaccine is offered off-label to these individuals in accordance with JCVI advice and the annual flu letter
- include minor rewording, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with other UKHSA PGDs

2. Live attenuated influenza vaccine nasal spray suspension (LAIV) PGD V11.00 (Fluenz® Tetra) - valid from 1 September 2022

for the supply and administration, or supply only, of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) nasal spray suspension (Fluenz® Tetra) to children and adolescents from 2 years to under 18 years of age in accordance with the national flu immunisation programme.

Changes from V10.00:

- include the 2022 to 2023 influenza vaccination programme eligible cohorts
- update organisation from PHE to the UKHSA

Reminder to GP practices to support Cornwall Council’s Public Health and Protection food safety team

Cornwall Council’s food safety team is the “front line” in investigating notified foodborne illness. Officers will usually contact a person notified with suspected food poisoning to identify a potential source of infection and prevent further spread, but often have incomplete or incorrect contact details. In these circumstances, officers may contact GP practices to ask for the most up-to-date contact information which should be supplied on request, subject to the usual information governance safeguards.

Practice staff may be reluctant to give that information due to GDPR restrictions and the response to officers’ requests from Cornish GP practices is not consistent at present.

For the purpose of managing notifiable infections, the Health Protection Regulations 2010 provide a clear statutory basis for personal data to be shared. All information shared with the food safety team will be managed in compliance with data protection legislation.

Some practices have agreed to supply the information to one of two named, “Infectious Disease Coordinators” working within the Council’s food safety team on request and the team is keen to secure a consistent approach throughout Cornwall.

Practice managers might consider allowing a similar arrangement in principle to assist the Council’s officers in this vital work. For an informal discussion on how this might work, please telephone or email [Brian Edgeler](mailto:brian.edgeler@cornwall.gov.uk), 07764 347949 or [Peter Andrews](mailto:peter.andrews@cornwall.gov.uk), 07990 530706.

Thank you for your ongoing support to protect the public health of our population.

Any queries please contact Jennifer.taylor@ukhsa.gov.uk

Reference

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/659/regulation/2>

Influenza S7a SI Bulletin

Please find attached 2022/23 NHSE Section 7a Public Health Commissioned Services Seasonal Influenza and Childhood Influenza

Further Information

- Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSEI website [here](#).
- If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net