

# South West Public Health

## Section 7a Screening & Immunisations Bulletin



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### ICARS Newsletter 09.09.22

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter along with associated documents attached to this email.

### ImmForm Manual Input Guidance 2022/23

Please see attached document.

### Update on the availability of all vaccines for the 2022/23 children's flu programme

Please find below an update on the availability of all vaccines for the 2022/23 children's flu programme from the UKHSA Children's Flu Vaccine Supply Team -

**Please note that the latest and most accurate information on the availability and allocation of vaccines for the children's flu programme will be always available on the ImmForm news page, so please be sure to check there regularly.**

All flu vaccines for the 2022/23 children's flu programme are available to order by NHS providers in England via ImmForm. For customers in Scotland and Wales, please refer to guidance from your respective health departments.

UKHSA does not supply any flu vaccines for patients aged 18 years and over.

### Vaccines and availability

The table below shows the 3 vaccines available, and the groups these vaccines should be ordered for -

| Vaccine   | Manufacturer   | Available to order for  | Order opening date                 |
|---|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV)  | AstraZeneca    | All children aged 2-3 years, those in <a href="#">eligible school age cohorts</a> , and children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years* | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc) | Seqirus        | Eligible** children for whom LAIV is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable  | OPEN                               |
| Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe)               | Sanofi Pasteur | Children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to <2 years  | OPEN                               |

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

### Important information regarding amendments to the quantity or delivery date of orders for Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV)

To enable the large number of orders that are anticipated during the first few weeks of the programme to be processed and delivered successfully, orders for Fluenz® Tetra are currently not able to be amended. This includes changes to the number of packs that have been ordered, or the scheduled delivery date.

If you need to cancel your order after it has been placed, please contact [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk) for assistance.

### LAIV ordering information for General Practice

As in previous years, ordering controls are in place for general practices, to enable UKHSA to balance incoming supply with demand. These controls work by allocating an amount of LAIV based on the number of registered eligible patients and are tailored to each practice.

Please note the following if you are ordering for general practice:

- Each GP practice has initially been allocated sufficient LAIV to vaccinate up to 45% of their eligible patients (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years).
- Amendments to these allocations will be made in response to vaccine availability and demand. **The most up to date information on LAIV allocations will be available on ImmForm at all times**, so please check regularly for updates.
- Requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the ordering period. Requests should be sent to the helpdesk ([helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk)) and in good time before your order cut-off.

## Managing LAIV and QIVc allocations within Multi-Branch Practices

Please note that GP practices or groups that operate over multiple sites but are part of the same organisation will have a joint allocation for LAIV and QIVc, even where each site has a unique ImmForm account. This means that it is possible for one site to potentially order all of the available vaccine for the group, unless there is local agreement on how the allocated volume is shared. UKHSA recommend that this agreement is in place before ordering opens. The allocation information above should allow practices to estimate the amount of LAIV they will initially have access to, and how it should be split between all sites (remember that LAIV allocations are per season, and not per week). For QIVc, the total amount available **per week**, will simply be 8 doses per site, multiplied by the number of sites in the organisation.

### LAIV ordering information for school-age providers

School immunisation teams are able to place 2 orders and receive 2 deliveries of LAIV per week.

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 days versus ordering day.

| Order day (before 11.55am cut off) | Delivery day |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Monday                             | Wednesday    |
| Tuesday                            | Thursday     |
| Wednesday                          | Friday       |
| Thursday                           | Monday       |
| Friday                             | Tuesday      |

**Customers must 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 weekly ordering cap of 400 packs (4,000 doses) per week is in place for school provider accounts. This can be split as required across 2 orders or placed as one order if preferred.

Where this 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 should be requested via the UKHSA Flu Vaccine Operations team by emailing [childfluvaccine@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:childfluvaccine@ukhsa.gov.uk). Please ensure that this request is made at least 48 hours before the first order larger than 400 packs needs to be placed to allow time for your account to be set up correctly.

For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk).

## Inactivated flu vaccine ordering

2 inactivated flu vaccines are also available for children for the 2022/23 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 (supplied in a single dose pack).
- Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc), which is available to order for:
  - Children aged 2 to <18 years old in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable; and
  - Healthy children from 2 years of age to those in school year 9, for whom LAIV is unsuitable (for example, due to objection to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content).

This vaccine is available in a single dose pack to:

- GPs, with an initial order cap of 8 doses per week.
- School-age providers, with an order cap of 400 doses per week.

For one-off larger orders of inactivated vaccines, requests should be made via [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk) in good time before your order cut-off.

**Order and delivery days for inactivated vaccines for school providers will be made as per the routine ordering and delivery days set for other childhood vaccines, and not per the 48-hour delivery schedule available for LAIV.**

## All influenza vaccines for the 2022/23 season

Information on all influenza vaccines that have been marketed in the UK for the 2022/23 season are available [here](#).

## Revised influenza chapter of the Green Book

Please see the revised influenza chapter of the Green Book, which has now been published: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19>

## Seasonal Flu - National call for 2-3 year olds

Please be aware that the national team are considering a national call of 2-3 year olds imminently (and a regional recall at a later point). Potentially letters may be arriving with parents/carers next week.

We do not yet know the details of timings, or the content of the letter but will update you as soon as further detail is available.

## 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](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)