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ICARS Newsletter 2/12/2022

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

Using paracetamol to prevent and treat fever after MenB vaccination leaflet – translated copies

The “Using paracetamol to prevent and treat fever after MenB vaccination” leaflet is now available now available to download as translated copies in 32 community languages.

Translated versions of this leaflet are available free to download in the following languages:

[Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Cantonese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Italian](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Tigrinya](#),

[Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#), [Yiddish](#) and [Yoruba](#)

Paper copies of this leaflet in [English are available free to order](#). There are two files, one to print out small numbers of copies and a print ready version for commercial printers if required.

Practices encouraged to vaccinate eligible cohorts with PPV using practices quota of stock

PPV23 is available for customers to order via ImmForm, as with deliveries, this is unchanged since UKHSA started the central procurement and supply of PPV23. There are caps on ordering to minimise vaccine wastage, but these stocks should be sufficient to meet your required demand. Should further stocks be required these can be requested.

Practices are encouraged to review those who remain unimmunised, especially those who are in at risk groups e.g. individuals with COPD. Individuals over the age of 65, or in a clinical risk group are eligible for PPV. See here (page 7) for details of at risk groups : [The Green book of immunisation: chapter 25 - pneumococcal \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

PPV prioritisation guidance is available here: [Vaccine update: issue 321, May 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

BCG Vaccinations

We wanted to highlight that across the South West of England specific infants with a parent or grandparent born in a high incidence country¹ may be eligible for a tuberculosis (BCG) vaccination. This vaccination is offered in children's outpatient setting in your area and not in the surgery itself. However, we understand that there may be some confusion in respect of what other vaccinations can be given if a BCG vaccination has been given or is planned which is of relevance to General Practice immunisers. The key points to highlight are:

- No interval is required between BCG vaccine and primary immunisations.
- BCG vaccine can be given at the same time as the other vaccines administered as part of the routine childhood immunisation programme, including rotavirus. However, it is important to remember that no vaccines should be given into the same arm for 3 months after BCG is given.
- The recommendation for administering live vaccines either at the same time or after an interval of 4 weeks only applies to injectable live viral vaccines and not to BCG or to the oral rotavirus vaccines.²

- This advice also applies to other live vaccines. Live vaccines, such as rotavirus, live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), oral typhoid vaccine, yellow fever, varicella, zoster and MMR **can be administered** at any time before or after BCG vaccination³
- Eligible infants can have the vaccine as soon as the result of their dry blood spot test is known and if they have not tested positive for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). The aim is for vaccination to be given around 28 days of age but may be given at a later date (for example if the infant is unwell when initially offered the vaccination).
- BCG vaccination is especially important where there are plans for the infant to travel to a country with higher incidence of TB (i.e. $\geq 40/100,000$) as this will increase their chances of being exposed to the infection and should not be delayed.
- All parents of eligible infants should be encouraged to consider the BCG vaccination – information for parents can be found at the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tb-bcg-and-your-baby-leaflet>

If you have any queries about this note or are unsure about a specific vaccination please contact us at england.swicars@nhs.net and we will be happy to support you with the relevant advice

¹ Where the annual incidence of TB is $\geq 40/100,000$ – see

www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-by-country-rates-per-100000-people

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bcg-vaccine-information-on-the-28-day-immunisation-programme/changing-the-timing-of-the-neonatal-bcg-immunisation-programme-to-a-28-day-immunisation-programme-effective-from-1-september-2021>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-the-green-book-chapter-32>

Update CQRS Enhanced Services Payments delay impacting Vaccination and Immunisation PCSE Payments for October 2022

We advised on 7th November 2022 that there has been an issue with the CQRS V&I payments relating to the month of August that should have been paid in October. The error occurred due to a technical issue with the processing of the CQRS payment file and has now been resolved. CQRS related payments have now been released and you will have received payment in November's contractual payment run.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Uptake (GP Patients) November 2022 Monthly data collection

Please note that we will be expecting automated uploads from the GP System Suppliers on Friday, 9th December 2022. Please ensure your data providers have their automated uploads capacity switched on in your GP practices, if you are not sure, please contact your GP System Supplier to enable this function in good time.

Please ensure that data providers check for their data after the automated upload date on Friday, 9th December 2022, if there is data on ImmForm after this date, no further action would be required however if no data is showing after this date, data providers will be required to provide a manual upload of the data onto ImmForm by the closing date Wednesday, 14th December (closing 11.59pm).

Data collected in each survey is cumulative, and should therefore include all influenza vaccinations delivered since the start of this year's programme therefore **data should be submitted on influenza vaccinations given since 1st September 2022 until 30th November 2022 (inclusive of both dates).**

Timetable for all the GP practices Monthly flu surveys:

Survey Month	Data up to Date	Survey Start Date	GP IT Supplier Submit End Date (7 days)	Manual Survey Open Date (5 days)	Manual S D
SEPTEMBER	Fri 30/09/2022	Sat 01/10/2022	Tue 11/10/2022	Wed 12/10/2022	Tue 18/
OCTOBER	Mon 31/10/2022	Tue 01/11/2022	Wed 09/11/2022	Thu 10/11/2022	Wed 16,
NOVEMBER	Wed 30/11/2022	Thu 01/12/2022	Fri 09/12/2022	Sat 10/12/2022	Wed 14,
DECEMBER	Sat 31/12/2022	Sun 01/01/2023	Wed 11/01/2023	Thu 12/01/2023	Mon 16,
JANUARY	Tue 31/01/2023	Wed 01/02/2023	Thu 09/02/2023	Fri 10/02/2023	Tue 14/
FEBRUARY	Tue 28/02/2023	Wed 01/03/2023	Thu 09/03/2023	Fri 10/03/2023	Tue 14/

For general queries regarding this data collection, or If you experience any issues that may delay the submission of your data or impact its quality, please contact influenza@ukhsa.gov.uk

Further Information

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