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Seasonal Vaccination Programme Update

Dear Pharmacist,

Thank you for your participation in the autumn / winter COVID-19 and seasonal influenza campaign.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is scheduled to conclude on 27th February 2026.

According to [NIAC 5a.5 Recommendations](#), although there is no established SARS-CoV-2 seasonality, for operational reasons, autumn and spring continue to be the preferred time for COVID-19 vaccination campaigns. Vaccines should also be available outside of defined seasonal campaigns where clinically indicated including but not limited to pregnancy, previously unvaccinated, or new period of immunosuppression.

A COVID-19 vaccine is recommended in each pregnancy for:

- pregnant adolescents and adults with immunocompromise
- pregnant adolescents and adults with medical conditions associated with a higher risk of COVID-19 hospitalisation, severe disease or death.

It is anticipated that the COVID-19 spring campaign will commence on the 13th of April, further information will be provided in due course.

As per current NIAC guidelines, those eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine twice a year are:

- those aged 80 years and over,
- those aged 18 years and above living in long term care facilities and
- those with immunocompromise.

Further information as per NIAC is outlined in Appendix 1.

For any clinical and eligibility queries please contact immunisation@hse.ie.

The seasonal influenza vaccine campaign will continue until the end of April 2026. The administration of nasal flu vaccinations to children aged 2-17 years will finish when the remaining LAIV products expire on 17th February 2026. Any children in risk groups requesting an influenza vaccine after this time may be given an injectable vaccine.

Recording vaccines

It is essential that all vaccines given are recorded accurately within 7 days of administration onto PharmaVax from which data is ingested into NIIS, so that clinical vaccination records are kept up to date. Please ensure that all patient vaccination records have been entered into PharmaVax at time of vaccination.



Removal of COVID-19 vaccine types

In order to ensure the vaccine types and batches on the PharmaVax systems are up to date, vaccine products which are no longer in use are periodically removed. This supports improved workflow and streamlines the COVID-19 vaccine products on the systems.

The following COVID-19 product will be removed from PharmaVax effective from **1st March 2026**

- Comirnaty KP.2 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

Any outstanding vaccine records and claims relating to the above product must be entered by **5pm on 28th February 2026** as it will not be possible to submit after this date.

Expired vaccines

Any expired vaccine stock should be returned to NCCS using the normal process with your next delivery.

VPCC Website Notice

While the web server is offline, HSE teams are prioritising important information for GPs and Community Pharmacies. We would like to inform you that our VPCC information is accessible at [Vaccination Primary Care Contractors Programme](#).

We would once again like to thank you for your continued support in the delivery of the seasonal vaccination programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Appendix 1

NIAC also recommend that:

A COVID-19 vaccine is recommended once each year for:

- those aged 60 to 79 years
- those aged 6 months to 59 years with medical conditions associated with a higher risk of COVID-19 hospitalisation, severe disease or death.

Access to a COVID-19 vaccine once each year should be available for:

- health and care workers who chose to receive a vaccine
- pregnant adolescents and adults who following discussion with a healthcare provider chose to receive a vaccine
- adults aged 18 to 59 years who following discussion with a healthcare provider choose to receive a vaccine.