

National Immunisation News

The newsletter of the HSE National Immunisation Office

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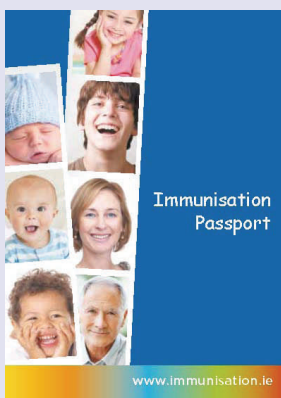
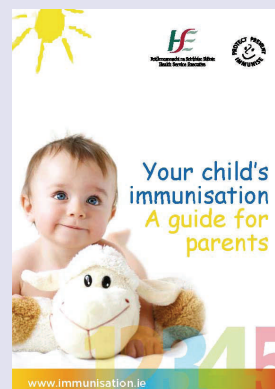


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Childhood Immunisation Programme New materials

The National Immunisation Office has produced a suite of new materials to support the childhood immunisation programme. These include

- * "Your child's immunisation - a guide for parents" (updated)
- * Immunisation passport to record vaccinations from birth to adulthood
- * Fridge magnet outlining primary childhood immunisation schedule



- * Posters highlighting the need for **5** visits to fully vaccinate children

These materials have been distributed to all GP practices.

Further supplies can be ordered from

www.healthpromotion.ie

More information is available from

www.immunisation.ie



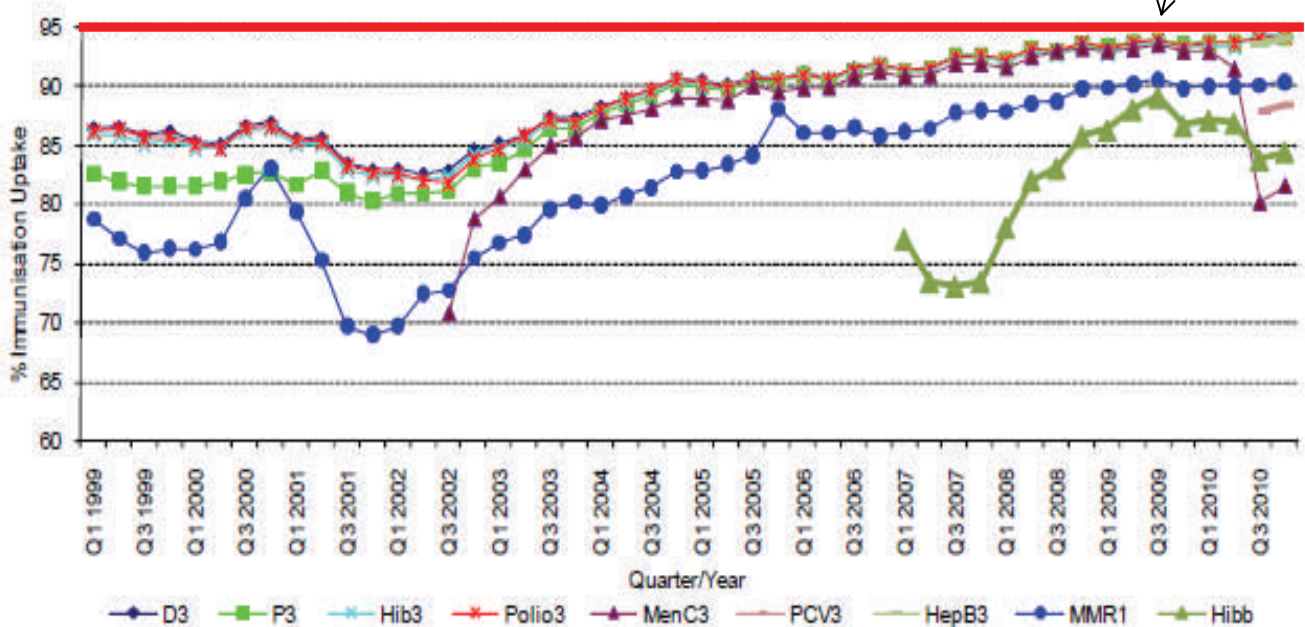
Immunisation Uptake Rates



The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has published immunisation uptake rates for children aged 24 months (quarter 4, 2010). These figures indicate that a number of children are not receiving their third dose of Men C vaccine and Hib booster vaccine at 13 months of age.

Uptake statistics are available from <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/Vaccination/ImmunisationUptakeStatistics/AnnualReports/>

Target uptake (95%)



Please highlight the vaccination schedule to parents and stress the importance of **ALL** the vaccines being given at the correct ages.

AGE	WHERE	VACCINATION
At Birth	Hospital or HSE Clinic	BCG
2 Months	GP	6 in 1 + PCV
4 Months	GP	6 in 1 + Men C
6 Months	GP	6 in 1 + PCV + Men C
12 Months	GP	MMR + PCV
13 Months	GP	Men C + Hib

Remember Your child needs 6 GP visits. Bring your child's immunisation passport to each visit.

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Training Slides

The National Immunisation Office has recently updated their training slides. There are 9 sets of training slides based on the chapters in "A Practical Guide to Immunisation". These slides contain information about vaccines and the diseases they prevent and also information about other aspects of immunisation (cold chain, adverse reactions, etc)

These slides are available to download from www.immunisation.ie

Measles Outbreaks in Europe

Many parents and GPs have inquired about administering MMR vaccine to children less than 12 months of age who are travelling to areas where measles outbreaks are occurring in Europe.

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) recommends MMR vaccine at 12 months and 4-5 years of age.

MMR vaccine can be given to children as young as 6 months of age during outbreak situations (although vaccine effectiveness is usually less at this age than when given after 12 months of age).

MMR vaccine may take up to 4 weeks to be effective.

- * Parents who wish to lessen the risk of measles in their children **between 6- 12 months of age** who may be exposed to measles whilst on holiday in Europe may wish to avail of MMR vaccine. This dose would **not be counted as a valid dose from the point of the vaccination programme and should be repeated at 12 months of age, at least one month after the first vaccine with a further dose at 4 - 5 years of age.**
- * Parents who wish to lessen the risk of measles in their children **between 1 – 5 years of age** who may be exposed to measles whilst on holiday in Europe may wish to avail of a second dose of MMR vaccine. This dose would usually be counted as a valid dose from the point of the vaccination programme and no further MMR vaccine is required.
- * The MMR vaccine is provided free via the HSE National Cold Chain Service but parents should pay for the vaccine administration.

Note: If a child under 18 months of age receives a second MMR vaccine within three months of the first MMR, a third MMR vaccine should be given at 4 - 5 years of age.

More information is available on the links below

Health Protection Surveillance Centre <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/Measles/>

European Centre for Disease Control <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/Pages/home.aspx>



Send Back your Vaccine Returns

All unused Pandemrix (H1N1) and seasonal flu vaccines will be collected by our Cold Chain drivers on your next scheduled monthly delivery date (even if you have not ordered any vaccines).

If you are unsure of this date you can contact the Customer Service team at 01 463 7770

Please have unused vaccines ready for collection place these vaccines and any other expired vaccines in a box with a completed Returns form (available from Customer Service or on www.immunisation.ie under "Vaccine Ordering and Storage").

Vaccines for return do NOT need to be kept in the fridge.

To date only 40% of sites have returned unused flu vaccines.



Flu Vaccine

We have been receiving a number of calls from GP practices requesting flu vaccine for patients.

The flu season (2010/2011) ended in April 2011. Flu vaccine cannot be ordered for patients.

We will be in contact with practices prior to the next flu season to outline vaccine availability, delivery schedule, risk groups etc and will supply informational materials.

NATIONAL IMMUNISATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NIAC)

Decisions made by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) are now available from

<http://www.rcpi.ie/collegestructure/Pages/niacdecisions.aspx>



Remember to check for updates to the NIAC guidelines

They are available to download from

www.immunisation.ie

www.rcpi.ie

www.hpsc.ie

www.immunisation.ie

Current Vaccines List Updated June 2011

Primary Childhood Vaccines

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
6 in 1	INFANRIX HEXA	GSK	10
Men C	MENINGITEC	Pfizer	10
Men C	MENJUGATE	Novartis	1
PCV	PREVENAR 13	Pfizer	10
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMRvaxpro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hib	HIBERIX	GSK	1
Hib	Act-Hib	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1

Adult Vaccines

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Td	DITE BOOSTER	SSI	5
Pneumococcal	PNEUMOVAX 11	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

Vaccines Used By HSE

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
BCG	BCG	SSI	5
Tuberculin	TUBERCULIN 2 TU	SSI	10
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMRvaxpro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
HPV	GARDASIL	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

Restricted Vaccines Requiring Authorisation

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Hepatitis A	HAVRIX Monodose	GSK	1
	AVAXIM	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HAVRIX Junior Monodose	GSK	1
Hepatitis B	ENGERIX B (adult)	GSK	1
	ENGERIX B (paediatric)	GSK	1
	FENDRIX (renal insufficiency)	GSK	1
Hepatitis A+B	HBVAXPRO 5mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 10mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 40mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hepatitis A+B	TWINRIX (adult)	GSK	1
	TWINRIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
Td/IPV	Revaxis	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Tdap/IPV	IPV-Boostrix	GSK	1

HPV Catch up campaign

This September the HPV programme will be extended to include girls in 6th year of second level schools. This will be repeated for girls in 6th year in September 2012 and 2013.

The routine programme will continue for girls in 1st year.



Further information is available from www.hpv.ie

New look Website - www.immunisation.ie

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Health Service Executive Immunisation Website. The header features the slogan "Protect - Prevent - Immunise" in English and Gaelic, along with navigation links for Home, Contact Us, Sitemap, and Accessibility Help. A search bar and social media links are present. The main content area includes a "Welcome to the Health Service Executive Immunisation Website" message, a description of the site's purpose, and several key sections: "Childhood Immunisation", "Adult Immunisation", and "Healthcare Professionals". A "Childhood Immunisation Schedule" link is also visible. A "Hot Topic" section highlights "European Immunisation Week", "Measles outbreaks in Europe", and "Childhood Vaccine Uptake Rates". The footer contains logos for HSC, HSE, and ICGP, along with a disclaimer and privacy policy link.

To coincide with the launch of the updated immunisation materials the website for the National Immunisation Office www.immunisation.ie has been updated.

Check the "What's new" section regularly to keep up to date with new Information.

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