

# National Immunisation NEWS

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## Flu Vaccine Campaign 2007/8

This season's flu vaccine will be distributed through the National Cold Chain Service, United Drug Distributors (UDD).

This year three vaccines will be in use:

<i>Product Name</i>	<i>Pack Size</i>	<i>Company</i>
Agrippal	10	Novartis
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Split Viron) BP	1	Sanofi Pasteur MSD
Influvac	10	Solvay



**In August** the Customer Services Department in UDD will be in contact with all delivery sites to take your order for flu and Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax). Please note Pneumococcal vaccine is not an annual vaccine and is only required for those at risk every 5 years. Vaccines will be supplied in 2-3 deliveries starting in September. As in previous years additional deliveries are being arranged and you will be notified as to the dates.

New leaflets and posters for the general public and health professionals will be distributed prior to the launch of the flu campaign in early October. The National Influenza Media Campaign will be run over two split weeks (week commencing Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) with radio and press advertisements being run nationally and regionally during these dates.

**Any flu vaccine from last season should not be used and is now to be returned.**

**Pneumococcal vaccine has a longer shelf life so please check you stock to see it is still in date.**

Make sure that all expired vaccines are returned to the HSE National Cold Chain Delivery Service (UD) for destruction no matter how long they have been in your fridge.....



But do not wait [this long](#) to clean out your fridge!

Make sure returned vaccines are damaged or are out of date .....We have received some "in date" stock within the returns!

### New Products in Stock

From September 2007 a new Meningococcal C vaccine will be available – Neiss Vac C which is manufactured by Baxter. Neiss Vac C comes as a single dose prefilled syringe

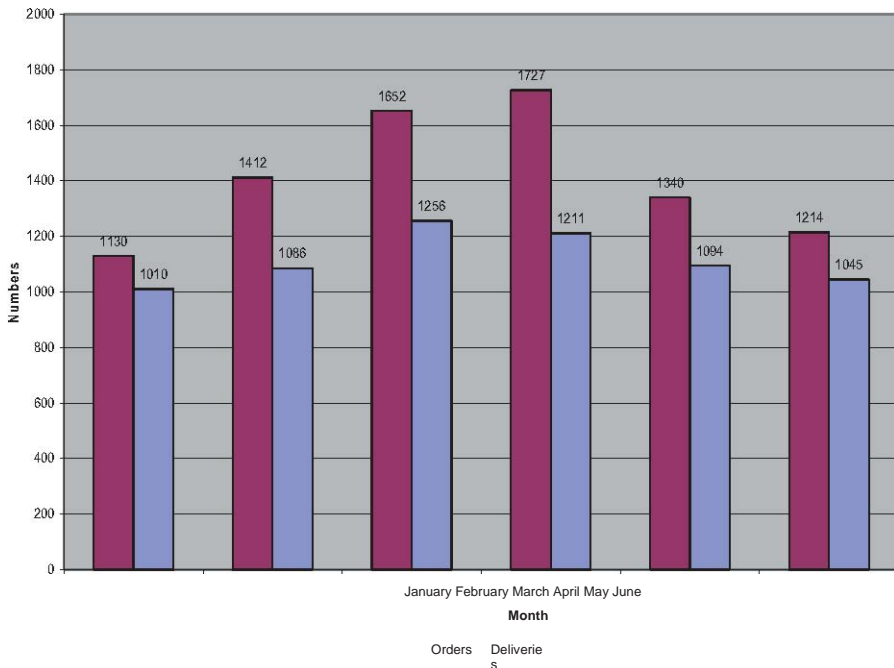
**All Men C vaccine brands are interchangeable**

A list of products distributed by the HSE National Cold Chain service is updated regularly on our website.

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The HSE National Cold Chain Delivery Service managed by United Drug Distributors (UDD) has been in operation for over 6 months and delivery schedules have been sent to all sites until the end of the year.

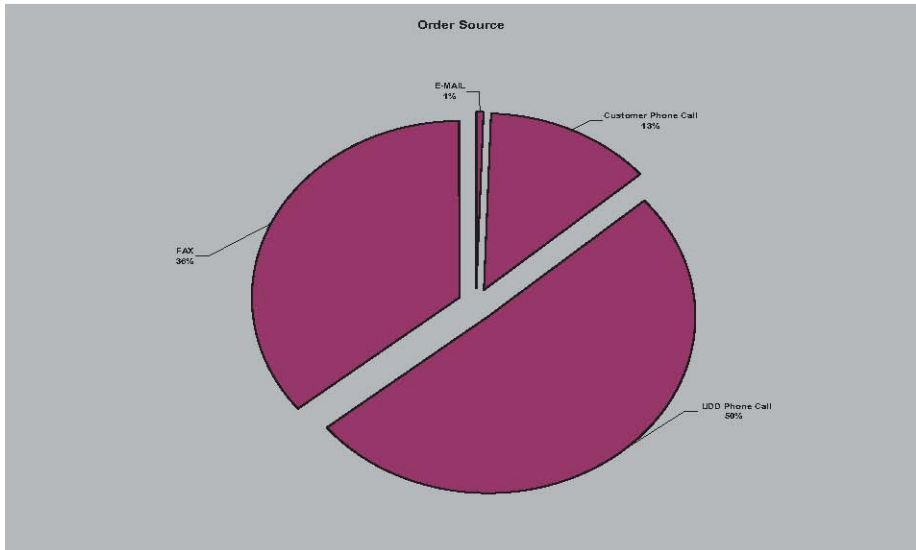
Number of Orders and Related Deliveries



To ensure vaccine delivery on your due date you must place your order no less than 5 working days before your delivery date (this is to allow for all orders to be packed in advance). Please ensure that orders are correct and complete when being placed, in order to reduce the number of unscheduled and emergency orders. Orders should be confirmed back to you by e-mail or Fax – if this is not occurring please update your e-mail address and fax number when next in contact with UDD.

If you would like to order by e-mail (less than 1% of sites are doing so at present) please send an e-mail to [vaccines@udd.ie](mailto:vaccines@udd.ie) containing your name and location(s) or account number(s) and you will receive an order form template by return.

**Orders can be placed by phone, fax or e-mail.**



### Use your account number

Each delivery site has an Account Number which can be located on your Delivery Note. It may assist you to quote this number when dealing with UDD and NIO representatives.

### United Drug Distribution Contact Details:

Customer Services Representatives Phone: 01 463 7302/3/5

Customer Services Representatives Fax Number: 01 462 7788

Please discard any documentation and contact numbers relating to Cahill May Roberts – we still occasionally have sites attempting to place orders for vaccine with them. They are no longer part of the cold chain delivery service.

Vaccines available from HSE National Cold Chain Delivery Service: July 2007

PRIMARY CHILDHOOD VACCINES			
VACCINE	PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	PACK SIZE
5 in 1	INFANRIX IPV Hib PENTAVAC	GSK	10
		Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Men C	MENINGITEC	Wyeth	10
	MENJUGATE	Novartis	1
	NEISS VAC C*	Baxter	1
MMR	PRIORIX PRIORIX	GSK	10
		GSK	1
Hib	HIBERIX	GSK	1
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	INFANRIX IPV	GSK	1

## Adult Vaccines

VACCINE	PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	PACK SIZE
Td	diTe Booster	SSI	5
Influenza	AGGRIPAL	Novartis	10
	Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Split Virion) BP	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	INFLUVAC	Solvay	10
Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 11	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

\* from September 2007

Vaccines used by HSE			
VACCINE	PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	PACK SIZE
BCG	BCG	SSI	5
Tuberculin	Tuberculin 2 TU	SSI	10
	Tuberculin 10 TU	SSI	10
	TETRAVAC	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 (adult)	GSK	1
	ENGERIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
	HBVAXPRO 5mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 10mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 40mcg	Sanofi PasteurMSD	1
Hepatitis A+B	TWINRIX (adult)	GSK	1
	TWINRIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
Polio	POLIOMYELITIS IPV	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Pneumococcal	PREVENAR (paediatric)	Wyeth	1

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## Change is on the way – Planned changes to the Childhood Schedule

Significant changes to the Primary Childhood Schedule were recently recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).

These changes will occur in 2008 and detailed planning has begun. More information will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

### Planned Changes

The addition of pneumococcal vaccine

The addition of Hepatitis B vaccine (as part of a 6 in 1 vaccine)

Changes to the timing of Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine

Changes to the timing of Meningococcal C vaccine.

Age	Immunisations	No. of Injections
Birth	BCG <sup>1</sup>	1 injection
2 months	DTaP <sup>2</sup> /Hib <sup>3</sup> /IPV <sup>4</sup> /Hep B <sup>5</sup> (6 in 1) + PCV <sup>6</sup>	2 injections
4 months	DTaP/Hib/IPV/Hep B (6 in 1) + Men C <sup>7</sup>	2 injections
6 months	DTaP/Hib/IPV/Hep B (6 in 1) + PCV + Men C	3 injections
12 months	MMR <sup>8</sup> + PCV	2 injections
13 months	Men C + Hib	1- 2 injections

<sup>1</sup> BCG Bacille Calmette Guerin vaccine <sup>2</sup> DTaP Diphtheria; Tetanus; and acellular Pertussis vaccine <sup>3</sup> Hib Haemophilus Influenzae B vaccine

<sup>4</sup> IPV Inactivated Polio Virus vaccine <sup>5</sup> Hep B Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>6</sup> PCV Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine <sup>7</sup> Men C Meningococcal C vaccine <sup>8</sup> MMR Measles Mumps Rubella vaccine

If you're a healthcare worker, whether in a hospital or in the community, the last thing you want is to bring the flu home. The best way to protect yourself, your family and those in your care is to get the annual flu vaccination

**Q: The 5 in 1 vaccine contains different batch numbers; on the box, the vial and the syringe. Which one should I use for recording purposes?**

**A:** The 5 in 1 vaccine is made up of a syringe which contains the 4 in 1 components and a vial which contains Hib. Each of these have separate batch numbers from the manufacturer. The 5 in 1 is constituted when the contents of the vial and syringe are mixed together and this is recorded by using the batch number on the box. Please note this product is only licensed for use as a 5 in 1 vaccine.

**Q: Can you source single rubella vaccine?**

**A:** Licensed single rubella vaccine has not been available in Europe for many years. MMR vaccine should be given if rubella vaccination is required.

**GET THE VACCINE, NOT THE FLU**

