



**Section B Information Specific to Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives for the Administration of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 (5/5 micrograms)/dose concentrate COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (for children aged 5-11 years)**

The national COVID-19 vaccination programme commenced in December 2020. Statutory Instruments No. 698 of 2020, No. 8 of 2021, No.43 of 2021 identifies registered nurses and registered midwives as one of the professions that can administer the COVID-19 vaccines, subject to approval of an education programme by the regulatory body concerned.

In order to administer the vaccine, registered nurses and registered midwives must be familiar with the most up to date version of the Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 (5/5 micrograms)/dose concentrate COVID-19 mRNA medicine protocol. Registered nurses and registered midwives must also have completed the Competency Assessment Form included in this section.

**Professional Qualifications, Training, Experience and Competence Required**

<p><b>Professional qualifications, training, experience and competence required prior to using this medicine protocol / Professional Qualifications :</b></p> <p><b>Training, Experience, Competence:</b></p>	<p>The registered nurse or registered midwife must have completed all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife, on the active register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)</li> <li>2. <i>COVID-19 Vaccination Education Programme for Registered Nurses and Midwives and Student Nurses and Midwives incorporating Children Having Vaccinations and Health Care Procedures- Professor Lucy Bray</i> accessible at <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a></li> <li>3. <i>COVID-19 Vaccination Training Programme-Children aged 5-11 years developed by the NIO which is titled “ Adapted COVID-19 Vaccine for 5-11 year olds”</i> accessible at <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a></li> <li>4. An approved <i>Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course</i>. (i.e. Irish Heart Foundation (IHF)) Recertification is required every two years</li> <li>5. Initial <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a> followed by a two hour classroom based skills workshop. Recertification is required every two years by completing the on-line <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible at <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a></li> <li>6. <i>Self-Assessment of Competency Form</i> to administer the Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 (5/5 micrograms)/dose concentrate COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine, see below</li> <li>7. COVAX IBM/Salesforce online programme accessible at <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/hsecovid19vms.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/hsecovid19vms.html</a></li> <li>8. <i>Immunisation Foundation Programme</i>, accessible at <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Recommended:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Storing and Managing Vaccines</i>, accessible at <a href="http://www.HSElanD.ie">www.HSElanD.ie</a></li> </ol>
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## Supporting Documents for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives

An Bord Altranais (2007) *Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management* Dublin: An Bord Altranais

Government of Ireland (2023) *Statutory Instruments Number 11 of 2023 and S.I. No. 105 of 2023*. Dublin: Stationery Office

National Clinical Guideline No. 30 (2023) – Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/>.

National Immunisation Advisory Committee (2023) Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community

[https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO\\_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/](https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/)

National Immunisation Advisory Committee *Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland* Dublin: Royal College of Physicians Ireland. Online update available at: [https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-](https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland)

[Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland](https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland)

National Immunisation Office (2023) Dublin: Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/covid19vaccineinfo4hps/clinicalguidance.pdf>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2021) *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at:

<http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Code>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2022) *Practice Standards for Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and

Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Midwives-Standards>.

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Recording Clinical Practice. Guidance to Nurses and Midwives*.

Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/More-Standards-Guidance/Recording-Clinical-Practice>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework*. Dublin:

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Scope-of-Practice/Nursing-Practise-Scope-Definition>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2020) *Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication*

*Administration*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie>



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PRINT CLEARLY in CAPITALS)  
 NMBI PIN Number \_\_\_\_\_

Self-Assessment of Competency to administer Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 (5/5 micrograms)/dose concentrate COVID-19 mRNA vaccine under medicine protocol by registered nurses and registered midwives to children aged 5-11 years. Please complete and discuss with your line manager/clinical lead prior to vaccinating this cohort.

**Performance Criteria (Tick/date/initial as applicable)**

No	Critical Element	Competent Date/Initials	Needs Practice Date/Initials	Needs Theory Date/Initials
1	I practice within my scope of practice (Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework, NMBI, 2015) to undertake administration of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 (5/5 micrograms)/dose concentrate COVID-19 mRNA vaccine			
2	I understand that vaccines are prescription only medicines (POM) and prior to administration require either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a valid prescription for individual vaccines or</li> <li>2. a medicine protocol for individual vaccines</li> </ol>			
3	I understand the role and function of medicine protocols in the context of NMBI and NIAC guidelines in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives (NMBI, 2021)</li> <li>• Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework (NMBI, 2015)</li> <li>• Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication Administration (NMBI, 2020) (Guiding Principle 2, page 12, 2.8)</li> <li>• Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management (An Bord Altranais, 2007)</li> <li>• NIAC Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland available at: <a href="https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland">https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland</a></li> </ul>			
4	I have read and understood the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland</i> (NIAC)</li> <li>• <i>Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination</i> (NIO,2023), accessible on <a href="http://www.immunisation.ie">www.immunisation.ie</a></li> <li>• <i>COVID-19 Vaccination Training Programme-Children aged 5-11 years developed by the NIO which is titled “Adapted COVID-19 Vaccine for 5-11 year olds”</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a></li> <li>• <i>COVID-19 Vaccination programme: Operational Guidance (accessible through local operational leads for the vaccination clinics)</i></li> </ul> I undertake to review the most current vaccination information from the NIO accessible on: <a href="http://www.immunisation.ie">www.immunisation.ie</a>			
5	I have read and understand the NIO (2023) Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Guidelines for Staff			
6	I have read and understood the current Medicine Protocol for this immunisation programme			

7	I have read and understood the documentation required to support implementation of the medicine protocol to ensure safe administration of the vaccine. I can outline the inclusion/exclusion criteria for children aged 5- 11 years under the named medicine protocol			
8	I am competent in safe intramuscular injection technique (Deltoid muscle) for children aged 5-11 years (refer to NIAC immunisation guidelines, Chapter 2)			
9	I understand if further education and training is required to deem myself competent in intramuscular injection technique (Deltoid muscle) for children aged 5-11 years I am required to attend a face to face education/training provided by the HSE or HSE contracted providers			
10	I have successfully completed the HSEland education programme; <i>Covid-19 Vaccination Education Programme for Registered Nurses and Midwives and Student Nurses and Midwives incorporating Children Having Vaccinations and Healthcare Procedures – Professor Lucy Bray</i>			
11	I have the appropriate communication skills to communicate effectively with the child and their parent/legal guardian			
12	I understand if further education and training is required to deem myself competent in preparation of vaccines under medicine protocol utilising Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control (AMRIC) aseptic technique, I am required to access an education / training programmes in a Centre for Nurse and Midwifery Education and/or HSEland			
13	I have successfully completed the following <a href="http://www.hseland.ie">www.hseland.ie</a> programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>HSE Immunisation Foundation Programme</i></li> <li>• <i>AMRIC Aseptic Technique</i></li> <li>• <i>AMRIC Hand Hygiene</i></li> <li>• <i>GDPR</i></li> <li>• <i>National Consent Policy (HSE, 2022) available at: <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/otherquality-improvement-programmes/consent/nationalconsent-policy.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/otherquality-improvement-programmes/consent/nationalconsent-policy.html</a></i></li> <li>• <i>Introduction to Children First</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSEland.ie">www.HSEland.ie</a></li> <li>• COVAX IBM/Salesforce online programme accessible at <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/hsecovid19vms.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/hsecovid19vms.html</a></li> </ul>			
14	I have attended an approved Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course within the last two years (i.e. Irish Heart Foundation (IHF))			
15	I have successfully completed an approved anaphylaxis programme as outlined in section B of the medicine protocol and am familiar with NIAC (2023) Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community available at: <a href="https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/">https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/</a>			
16	In assessing suitability for vaccination I can undertake a clinical assessment of children aged 5 -11years presenting for vaccination within the scope of the medicine protocol			
17	I can refer the child who meet the exclusion criteria to the relevant medical practitioner/clinical lead/lead vaccinator for an individual medical assessment as per medicine protocol			
18	I understand the agreed process, including ICT systems if applicable for the accurate and appropriate documentation in the child’s record for vaccine administration			

19	I have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the correct procedure/guideline prior to the administration of the vaccine regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the vaccine for administration</li> <li>• Documentation of the details of the vaccine to include the vaccine label which has the batch number and use before date/expiry date details</li> <li>• Date and time and site of administration of vaccine</li> <li>• Vaccinator ID (name, signature and NMBI PIN)</li> </ul>			
20	I can provide accurate relevant information regarding vaccine consent, benefits, and side effects to the child and their parent/legal guardian			
21	I will utilise documentation procedure for treatment and reporting of adverse drug reactions to the HPRA if required available at: <a href="http://www.hpra.ie">www.hpra.ie</a>			
22	I can demonstrate the procedure for reporting and documentation of medication errors/near misses as per HSE Incident Management Framework (2020)			
23	I dispose of single use equipment and sharps in accordance with National Clinical Guideline No. 30 (2023) – Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) available at: <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/</a> .			
24	In the event of needle stick injury, I agree to follow guidelines as outlined in the 'EMI Tool Kit' available at: <a href="https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/EMIToolkit/">https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/EMIToolkit/</a>			
25	I comply with the guidance on vaccine handling, delivery and storage including the maintenance of the cold chain in accordance with national and local policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines (PPPGs).			

*I have sufficient theoretical knowledge and clinical practice to administer COVID – 19 vaccine to children aged 5-11 years independently, and I acknowledge my responsibility to maintain my own competence in line with the Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework (NMBI, 2015) and current best evidence.*

Registered Nurse/Midwife Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Nurse/Midwife Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NMBI PIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Support Plan** (for use if needed to reach competence outlined)

*If any deficits in theory and/or clinical practice are identified, the registered nurse/registered midwife must discuss with relevant Line Manager/Employer and implement appropriate support plan to achieve competency within an agreed time*

Action necessary to achieve competence:

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Date to be achieved: .....

Supporting evidence of measures taken to achieve competence:

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Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Line Manager/Clinical Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Line Manager/Clinical Lead Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_