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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 seasonal influenza vaccine campaign will continue until the end of April 2025. The administration of nasal flu vaccinations to children aged 2-17 years will finish when the LAIV products expire. The remaining in-date LAIV vaccine will expire on 24th February 2025. Any children in risk groups requesting an influenza vaccine after this time may be given an injectable vaccine.

It is expected that the COVID-19 autumn / winter programme will end in mid-February 2025 pending NIAC advice on whether a COVID-19 spring booster campaign will be recommended.

Recording vaccines

It is essential that all vaccines given are recorded accurately and promptly onto the IT systems from which data is ingested into COVAX, so that clinical vaccination records are kept up to date. Please ensure that all patient vaccination records have been entered in PharmaVax.

Removal of COVID-19 vaccine types

In order to ensure the vaccine types and batches on PharmaVax 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 system.

The following COVID-19 product has not been distributed since September 2024 and will be removed from PharmaVax effective from **31st March 2025**

- Comirnaty Omicron XBB.1.5 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

Any outstanding vaccine records and claims relating to the above product must be entered by **5pm on 31st March 2025** 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 – see [vaccine-return-form-2028.pdf](#).



We will provide an update on the end date of the COVID-19 autumn / winter campaign and any spring booster programme once this has been confirmed.

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', is written over a horizontal line.

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