

## National Immunisation NEWS

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### New HSE National Cold Chain Service



The new HSE National Cold Chain Delivery Service managed by United Drug Distributors (UDD) commenced on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and provides vaccines on a monthly basis.

As before orders can be placed by phone, fax or email and the Customer Services Team will phone one week in advance of delivery to take an order, confirm a received order or confirm no order is required.

One of the new features of the service is the sending of an automated email or fax from UDD to confirm orders.

For more information please contact the UDD Customer Services Team at  
01 463 7700  
01 463 7302  
01 463 7304  
01 463 7305

Copies of the Information pack sent to all sites are available at  
[www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/vaccineorderingstorage/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/vaccineorderingstorage/)

### Not too late for Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccination

Although influenza activity was at low levels in Ireland up to the end of January, vaccination should still be offered in the early months of 2007.

Supplies of flu and pneumococcal vaccine are still available for those at risk who have not yet received it



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## Guidance for Tetanus Vaccination

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) recently issued guidance on tetanus vaccination for unimmunised adults and children 10 years and over.



- Unless there is a reliable vaccine history, individuals should be assumed to be **unimmunised**, and a full course of immunisation administered.
- In such situations give dT (**diTe booster**) as the primary series vaccine (three doses) followed by an additional two booster doses.

More detailed guidance was posted to all vaccine delivery sites in December and can be found on our website at

[www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/)

## Updated recommendations for pneumococcal vaccination

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) recently updated recommendations for pneumococcal vaccination.

Individuals at increased risk, regardless of age, should be vaccinated with the appropriate pneumococcal vaccine(s) for their age group.

- All at risk children up to the age of 5 years (<60 months) should receive pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Prevenar)
- At risk children between the ages of 2-5 years (24-59 Months) should also receive a single dose of 23-valent polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax II) at least two months after the final dose of conjugate vaccine.
- At risk children over the age of 5 years (60 months and older) and adults should receive a single dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. (Pneumovax II)

More details of these recommendations can be found at [www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/healthcareprofessionals/)

### New products in stock

Infanrix IPV Hib (5 in 1) is now available and comes in boxes of 10

From February 2007 new Hepatitis A vaccines will be available in addition to the currently stocked products. The new products are **Avaxim (adult)** and **Epaxal (paediatric)** - both come in single doses and are in prefilled syringes.

VACCINES AVAILABLE FROM HSE NATIONAL COLD CHAIN SERVICE FEBRUARY 2007			
	VACCINE	PRODUCT NAME	PACK SIZE
Primary Childhood Vaccines	5 in 1	PENTAVAC INFANRIX IPV Hib	1 10
	Men C	MENINGITEC MENJUGATE	10 1
	MMR	PRIORIX PRIORIX	1 10
	Hib	HIBERIX	1
	4 in 1	INFANRIX IPV TETRAVAC	1 1
Adult Vaccines	dT	DiTe Booster	5
	Influenza	AGGRIPAL BEGRIVAC INFLUVAC	1 1 10
	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax II	1
Vaccines used by HSE	BCG	BCG	10
	TUBERCULIN	TUBERCULIN 2 TU TUBERCULIN 10 TU	10 10
Restricted Vaccines Requiring Authorisation	Hepatitis A	HAVRIX Monodose AVAXIM HAVRIX Junior Monodose EPAXAL (paediatric)	1 1 1 1
	Hepatitis B	ENGERIX (adult) ENGERIX (paediatric) HBVAXPRO 5mcg HBVAXPRO 10mcg HBVAXPRO 40mcg	1 1 1 1 1
	Hepatitis A+B	TWINRIX (adult) TWINRIX (paediatric)	1 1
	Polio	POLIOMYELITIS IPV	1
	dT/IPV	REVAXIS	1
	Pneumococcal	PREVENAR (paediatric)	1

## Immunisation Conference 2007

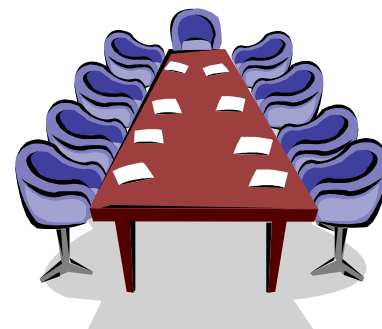
The 2007 National Immunisation Conference will be held in Croke Park Conference Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 to coincide with the start of the World Health Organisation's European Immunisation Week.

International and national speakers will address a wide range of topics including

- Cervical cancer vaccine,
- Introduction of pneumococcal vaccine in the UK,
- New National Immunisation Guidelines,
- Pandemic Influenza
- Measles Elimination 2010

The conference is free of charge but booking is required and places will be filled on a first come basis.

Booking forms have been circulated and are available from our website [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie)



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