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COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Campaign Spring 2025

Dear Pharmacist,

I refer to [Circular NCO-07-2025](#) Seasonal Vaccination Programme Update, dated 5th February 2025. It has been confirmed that the spring booster campaign commences on **3rd April 2025** and will continue until the end of **May 2025**.

The following groups are eligible for a COVID-19 spring booster:

- Those aged 80 years and older
- Those aged 70-79 years who did not receive a COVID-19 vaccine in the preceding 12 months
- Those in long term care facilities for older adults
- Those aged 6 months and older with immunocompromise associated with a suboptimal response to vaccination.

The most recent NIAC recommendations are available [here](#).

Note: For the purposes of the Spring Campaign, a booster should be made available for those aged 70-79 years who have not received a COVID-19 Vaccine since 30th June 2024.

Prior to administering any vaccines, you should use the Vaccination History Search application in PharmaVax to check vaccination status and avoid administering a duplicate vaccine.

Recommended intervals are as per the NIAC guidance; however, those eligible may be offered the spring booster at a 3 months interval after their last COVID-19 vaccine or infection to ensure they get their booster before the end of May.

Additionally, pregnant women, in the appropriate stage of pregnancy and where the appropriate time since last dose of vaccine has elapsed, remain eligible for booster doses throughout the year. Primary vaccination courses for those in recommended groups, continue to be available, regardless of the time of the year.

Those eligible aged 12 years and over, will be able to avail of booster doses through participating GPs and Pharmacies. As in previous campaigns, HSE COVID-19 Vaccination Teams will provide vaccinations to eligible residents in long-term care facilities for older adults, those aged under 12 years, and the housebound.

The COVID-19 vaccine remains free of charge to those eligible cohorts outlined, and is not available privately.



Vaccines & Ordering

- The COVID-19 vaccine which will be used for the spring campaign is Comirnaty® KP.2.
- One box of vaccines (60 doses) will be available to order online. If additional doses are required they may be requested by emailing vaccines@udd.ie. Please bear in mind the eligible cohorts for the Spring Booster Campaign when placing orders.
- COVID-19 vaccines can be ordered online from <https://www.ordervaccines.ie/>. Review your delivery calendar to confirm order cut-off dates and delivery dates. Note that four times annually there is a three week gap between vaccine deliveries, with one scheduled mid-March.
- Reminder: Comirnaty Omicron XBB.1.5 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine will be removed from PharmaVax effective from 31st March 2025. 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.
- Any expired vaccine stock should be returned to NCCS using the normal process with your next delivery –see [vaccine-return-form-2028.pdf](#).
- The HSE has endeavoured to obtain supplies of Nuvaxovid (Novavax) vaccine for those who have contraindications to mRNA vaccines or prefer non mRNA vaccines. However as Nuvaxovid (Novavax) is not currently available in Ireland, the HSE is continuing its efforts to obtain supplies of the vaccine. People requiring a non mRNA vaccine can be advised to contact HSELive on 1800 700 700 who will make the necessary arrangements when Nuvaxovid (Novavax) becomes available

For any queries relating to vaccine orders or deliveries, contact NCCS customer services at: vaccines@udd.ie or phone 01 4637770.

Recording Vaccines

Please ensure timely recording of vaccine administration in PharmaVax. Refer to [Guidance Note 2](#) Completion of Vaccination Records on IT Systems.

Note: The [HSE Health App](#) is a new digital health service from the HSE that gives patients who use the app secure personalised access to their health information including COVID-19 and flu vaccine records.

Clinical guidance is available through the National Immunisation Office, and the updated clinical guidance will be available shortly, as per [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Health Professionals](#). For any clinical queries contact the National Immunisation Office at immunisation@hse.ie.

Pharmacy Finder

It is important that only pharmacies providing spring vaccination services are listed on the [Pharmacy Finder](#), to support the public in finding a local pharmacy where they can access vaccination. If you are not in position to participate in the upcoming spring campaign, we request that you would temporarily suspend your details from display until you will be rejoining for subsequent campaigns. Please ensure your details are up to date and amend as necessary using the [Pharmacy Service Listing form](#).



Conclusion

I would like once again to express my sincere gratitude to Community Pharmacies and their teams for the efficient manner in which the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been delivered to date. I wish you and your team every success in preparing for the Spring Booster Campaign over the coming weeks.

The HSE are committed to providing ongoing support at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', written over a horizontal line.

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