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## **Spring Vaccination Programme Update**

#### Dear Pharmacist,

Thank you for your participation in the Spring Vaccination Programme which concludes on 6th June 2025. Spring boosters may still be given up to 20th June, after which patients should be advised that the spring programme has ended. Clinical guidance and advice on exceptional cases is available through the National Immunisation Office at immunisation@hse.ie.

As in previous years the COVID-19 seasonal vaccination programme will pause over the summer months. However, at all times of the year (including the summer pause), both during and outside of the seasonal COVID-19 vaccination programmes, as per the NIAC recommendations:

- COVID-19 booster vaccines continue to be recommended in pregnancy.
- COVID-19 booster vaccines should be offered to anyone commencing planned immunosuppressant therapy who has not had a booster vaccine in the previous 6 months.
- COVID-19 vaccines will also continue to be available for primary vaccination courses for those in recommended groups, regardless of the time of the year.

#### **Summer Vaccination in Community Pharmacies**

It is important to ensure that individuals eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine over the summer months are able to avail of it when requested. Community Pharmacists are advised that stock remains available to order online from https://www.ordervaccines.ie/ for the provision of COVID-19 vaccines to those cohorts outlined above who may require vaccination.

HSE clinics will continue to be available for children aged under 12 years requiring primary course vaccination; parents can schedule an appointment via HSE Live on 1800 700 700.

For clinical information and details on recommended intervals, please refer to the NIO clinical guidance.

If an eligible patient comes forward and you are not in a position to provide the vaccination, please advise them to call HSE Live on 1800 700 700, for support in accessing a provider in their area. Note: The VPCC telephone number detailed above should not be shared with clients/members of the public. Kindly ensure that client queries are directed to the HSE Live team.



## Autumn campaign

Further information with regards to any autumn COVID-19 boosters and the seasonal Flu campaign will be communicated in due course.

# Removal of COVID-19 vaccine types

The following COVID-19 product is no longer in use and will be removed from PharmaVax Systems effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025;

Comirnaty ® JN.1 (COVID-19 Vaccine)

Any outstanding vaccine records and claims relating to the above product must be entered by 5pm on  $1^{\rm st}$  September 2025 as it will not be possible to submit after this date.

Please also remember to return any out of date stock to NCCS using the normal process.

#### Conclusion

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Community Pharmacists and their teams for the efficient manner in which the Spring Vaccination Programme has been delivered and for your ongoing commitment and support in the provision of COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Yours sincerely,

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