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Seasonal Vaccination Programme Update

Dear Pharmacist,

Thank you for your participation in the autumn / winter vaccination programme for COVID-19 and influenza which is well underway, to-date over 150,000 COVID-19 boosters and almost 384,000 flu vaccines have been administered by Community Pharmacists.

Recording Vaccines

It is a requirement that all vaccines given are recorded within 7 days of administration onto PharmaVax, so that clinical records are kept up-to-date. Please ensure the patient vaccination records are entered into PharmaVax at time of vaccination. PharmaVax facilitates the capture of the school location ID for the LAIV Schools Programme, please ensure that the school location is added for any LAIV administered onsite in a school. Please check your LAIV vaccine expiry dates and note that earlier deliveries of LAIV have an expiry date of 9th December 2025.

Removal of COVID-19 vaccine types

In order to ensure the vaccine types and batches on PharmaVax systems are up-to-date, we periodically remove vaccine products which are no longer in use. This supports improved workflow and reduces the COVID-19 vaccine products on the systems.

The following COVID-19 product is no longer in use and will be removed from PharmaVax effective from 1st March 2026

Comirnaty KP.2 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

Any outstanding vaccine records and claims relating to the above product must be entered by 5pm on 28th **February 2026** 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 https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/vaccineordering/vaccreturn.pdf

NCCS Annual Stocktake

The annual stocktake of all HSE vaccines must be completed by 31st December 2025. This is required to comply with Comptroller & Auditor General regulations and each vaccine must be recorded. Please log on to the National Cold Chain portal and complete your stocktake returns at www.ordervaccines.ie, even if you are not placing any new orders. If you do not have any vaccine stock, please submit your stocktake entry with a Zero quantity. Please check stock and remove all expired vaccines immediately in preparation for return to NCCS.

No orders for January 2026 can be processed until the NCCS online stocktake has been submitted.

We would once again like to thank you for your continued support in the delivery of the seasonal vaccination programme.

Yours sincerely,

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