**Sent on Behalf of Richard Yeabsley – Deputy Director of Public Health Commissioning, NHS England & Improvement – Midlands (West)**

**Sharing on behalf of NHSE/I National Team**

Dear Colleagues

PHE have informed regional Commissioning Teams of the Fluenz ordering for Providers of the Children’s Flu programme. Please can we ask all Providers concerned to review and action accordingly.

**Vaccines for the 2020/21 children’s flu programme supplied by PHE - Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) now available to order**

Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) is now available to order by providers of the children’s flu programme in England via ImmForm.

**First deliveries for Fluenz® Tetra will be made on your normal scheduled delivery day, beginning on Wednesday 2 September.**

Ordering of inactivated vaccine, for children in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is unsuitable, is currently expected to commence in early September. The most up to date information on the availability of all children’s flu vaccines provided by PHE is available on the ImmForm news page so please check this information regularly.

**LAIV ordering information for General Practice**

Ordering controls are in place for Fluenz® Tetra to enable PHE to balance supply with demand. As in previous years, ordering controls for general practices are tailored to each practice and work by allocating an amount of vaccine based on the number of registered eligible patients. Each GP practice has initiallybeen allocated sufficient vaccine to vaccinate at least 50% of their eligible children (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years). Increases to the allocations will be applied as soon a sufficient stock becomes available to do so and we expect to be able to allocate sufficient vaccine for GPs to vaccinate at least 70% of their eligible cohort (as above) by early October. Further amendments to these allocations will be made in response to demand and vaccine availability, and requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case by case basis throughout.

**LAIV ordering information for school-age providers**

A default ordering cap of 300 packs (3000 doses) per week, per ImmForm account will be in place for school providers.

* Where this cap is insufficient and a provider needs a larger weekly volume of vaccine to deliver the programme (for example where a provider covers a large area using a single account), a higher weekly cap can be requested via the PHE Vaccine Operations team by emailing [vaccinesupply@phe.gov.uk](mailto:vaccinesupply@phe.gov.uk). These requests may take a few days to action and should therefore be made well in advance of need.
* For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk) in good time before the order cut-off.

**Inactivated flu vaccine ordering**

PHE also supplies an egg-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) which is suitable for all children from six months to less than 18 years old.

·        This vaccine will have an initial order cap of 20 doses per week.

·        This vaccine should be ordered for all eligible children aged less than 9 years who are contraindicated for, or too young to receive Fluenz® Tetra **AND** are in a clinical risk group.

·        Full details of the vaccine arrangements for children in clinical risk groups aged 9 years and over who are contraindicated for Fluenz® Tetra can be found in the [flu letter published Thursday 14 May 2020](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnational-flu-immunisation-programme-plan&data=02%7C01%7CImmunisation%40phe.gov.uk%7C7c3298ef30e54dacc0e408d84a856121%7Cee4e14994a354b2ead475f3cf9de8666%7C0%7C0%7C637341283997164525&sdata=ub3uYnJugNWVwiyIBsmoqWW2CCs%2FX%2Fs2BPfXYhGPd30%3D&reserved=0)

**Supply of inactivated flu vaccine for children who object to LAIV due to the porcine gelatine content**

A supply of inactivated influenza vaccine is expected to be made available to NHS providers of the children’s flu programme, for children who object to the porcine gelatine content of Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV), from November. Arrangements for this supply have not yet been finalised and further details will be communicated as soon as they are available. Until then, the limited supply of Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) that is available to order through ImmForm must be prioritised for children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to less than 9 years.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above update please contract the Public Health Commissioning Team directly [england.phadmin@nhs.net](mailto:england.phadmin@nhs.net)

Kind Regards

Public Health Commissioning Team – Midlands

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