

For the attention of Community Pharmacies providing the Autumn 2023 COVID-19 & Seasonal Influenza Community Pharmacy Vaccine Service (CPVS):

Update Five: 12th Oct 2023

1. ONLY use Comirnaty XBB.1.5 for COVID-19 CPVS vaccinations

- As community pharmacies have now stopped using Comirnaty **BA.4-5** vaccine, quarantine any remaining vaccine until the PHA issues further guidance for this stock.
- Please ensure that you have placed an order or received one, for Comirnaty **XBB.1.5** vaccine if you have COVID-19 vaccinations planned in the next 2 weeks.

2. Management of Vaccine Stock [Flu and Covid]

The quantity of vaccines that have been deployed to CPVS contractors currently substantially exceeds the number of vaccinations that have been administered. Please make sure that you use the vaccine stock you currently hold before placing further orders. Orders should cover 2 weeks of vaccination activity only.

3. Deadline for early vaccination payments is approaching: 31st October 2023

- PHA are aiming to vaccinate as many eligible patients as possible by 31st October 2023.
- Please continue to plan that any outstanding care homes have a vaccination date established on or before 31st October 2023.
- Supplementary payments for non-care home eligible patients [walk ins] also remain in place until 31st October 2023.

4. Service Updates to CPVS

- SPPG will only issue service updates on vaccinations using hscni.net secure email.
- Please ensure that you check your hscni.net email at least once per day for any updates.

If you have any queries about the Community Pharmacy Vaccination Service (CPVS) please contact Greg Miller (greg.miller@hscni.net) or Grainne McMahon (Grainne.McMahon4@hscni.net).

Regards,

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