

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

Update Seven: 26th Oct 2023

1. BA.4-5 Vaccines: Disposal

- The PHA have issued a letter advising that all providers should now dispose of all **Comirnaty BA.4-5 (Pfizer)** vaccine. For full details see PHA letter available [here](#).
- ONLY use Comirnaty XBB.1.5 for COVID-19 CPVS vaccinations, the BA.4-5 is not authorised for further use in Autumn 2023.

2. REMINDER: 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.
- The vaccination programme for COVID-19 will continue until early December with standard payments payable for vaccinations administered after the 31st October 2023.
- **To claim the £200 payment for each care home completed by 31st October 2023 contractors should complete the on-line declaration (link below) by 5pm on Friday 3rd November.**
<https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc/additional-fee-for-completion-of-care-home-vacs>

3. Vaccination Service [November 2023 – March 2024]

- The vaccination programme for **COVID-19** will continue in November until **early December 2023** with standard payments payable for those vaccinations administered after the 31st October 2023.
- The **Flu** vaccination program will continue through the winter to **March 2024**.

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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