

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

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HSC Trusts offer Hepatitis B vaccinations for CPVS vaccinators

The SPPG community pharmacy vaccination checklist details at point 17 that: *“Consider getting vaccinated against Hepatitis B if appropriate”. The [Green Book Chapter 18](#) advises that Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for healthcare workers who may have direct contact with patients’ blood, blood-stained body fluids or tissues. This includes any staff who are at risk of injury from blood contaminated sharp instruments. The Health and Safety Executive guidance on blood borne viruses provides further advice.*

From 12th February 2024, persons acting in the role of Pharmacy vaccinators, undertaking CPVS services, can contact their local HSC Trust, Occupational Health team. should they require Hepatitis B vaccination. The Hep B programme is focussed on those persons providing HSC CPVS Covid-19 and/or Flu vaccinations

This HSCT service provides the pre-exposure schedule (3 doses), titres and 5yr booster (if required) as outlined in the current JCVI guidance. Please note: relevant Trusts will work to provide appointments as early as possible, however, scheduling of clinics will be dependent on the operational capacity of the respective trusts occupational health service, at that time.

The SPPG vaccination team will provide bespoke updates where clinics are restricted or delayed.

To book an appointment, those pharmacy vaccinators requiring Hepatitis B vaccination should contact the relevant Trust:

Area	Contact Details
Belfast	BHSCT Occupational Health Tel: 028 95040401
Northern	Antrim Occupational Health Dept. Tel: 028 94424403
South Eastern	Occupational Health Tel: 028 90561300
Southern	Occupational Health Tel: 028 37564800
Western	Please email: Altnagelvin occupational.health@westerntrust.hscni.net SWAH occup.health.south@westerntrust.hscni.net Please mark the email **URGENT** in the Subject heading and include the CPVS vaccinators 1. Full Name 2. Postal address 3. DOB 4. Contact Number Home and Work 5. Place of work 6. Name of manager

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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