

For the attention of Community Pharmacies providing the Autumn 2025 Community Pharmacy Vaccine Service (CPVS):

1. Please Note: Reduced Cohorts for COVID-19 Vaccination

During the Autumn/Winter 25 CPVS COVID-19 programme vaccination is to be offered to the following eligible individuals aged 18 years and over:

- All adults **aged 75 years and over**
- All **residents of a care home for older adults*** registered with RQIA
(*In care Homes for younger adults, only the immunosuppressed residents should be vaccinated)
- **Immunosuppressed** - Individuals aged 18 years and over who are **immunosuppressed** (as defined in the 'immunosuppression' sections of table 3 in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book)

The PHA have produced a resource for vaccination providers to assist in responding to potential queries that they may receive from the public or other health professionals in relation to the reduced COVID-19 vaccination programme, it is available [here](#).

2. URGENT: Updated PGD issued Friday 03rd October

Please click [HERE](#) for COVID-19 Vaccination PGD version 3.1 where a correction has been applied to the Criteria for inclusion:

(iii) aged 75 years and over, including those due to turn 75 of years on or before 31 March 2026 - Previously this had read 31 January 2026 and has been corrected in line with the CMO letter definition of those aged 75 years and older.

You must ensure that the most recent version of the PGD is signed and in use.

3. REMINDER: VMS Passwords

- **Primary VMS Account:** the password for VMS (under the Pharmacy.XXXX@hscni.net user account) is the same as your current password for the Portal. If you change the password for the Portal the VMS password will also change to match this.
- **Second VMS Account:** All users have been provided with a second VMS login (under the Vaccine.XXXX@hscni.net user account) at the time of account setup. The password for this account is detailed in the original email that provided your VMS login details and cannot be changed. If you no longer have a record of the password for this account please contact Grainne.McMahon4@hscni.net

4. Be Aware: Fridge Failure due to Power Outage

We have had report of a fridge failure due to a power outage during storm Amy, as a result all CPVS vaccine stock had to be disposed of. To minimise stock losses due to fridge failures

please only order and hold enough vaccine stock for the next 2 weeks of planned vaccination activity.

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,

SPPG Pharmacy Vaccination Team