

For the attention of Community Pharmacies providing the Spring 2026 COVID-19 Community Pharmacy Vaccine Service (CPVS):

Update Two: 20th April 2026

1. Spring 2026 COVID-19 CPVS: Commences Monday 20th April 2026

The Spring 2026 vaccination programme officially begins on Monday 20th April 2026, vaccination can only proceed if all of the following are in place:

- a legal [PGD](#) is in place and has been authorised
- all the necessary service documentation has been completed including submission of a contract, to access the MS Form contract please click [here](#)
- deliveries of central COVID-19 vaccine stock have been received

2. Ordering Vaccines Stock from Movianto

- Community pharmacies can place orders for Nuvaxovid JN.1 with Movianto.
- **Please only place orders if you have confirmed demand.**
- Orders for vaccine should not exceed the quantity required to **cover 2 weeks of activity.**
- Please contact Grainne.Sheerin@hscni.net if you need your quota increased.

3. Hepatitis B Vaccination

The pharmacy contractor should ensure that individuals involved in the provision of this service are advised that they should consider being vaccinated against Hepatitis B and be advised of the risks should they decide not to be vaccinated.

To book an appointment, those pharmacy vaccinators requiring Hepatitis B vaccination should contact the relevant Trust Occupational Health Department – contact sheet on BSO website [Here](#).

4. ECHO Session

The next scheduled ECHO session shall take place on 28th April 2026 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

The topics of discussion will be: -

- 2026/27 Curriculum Setting
- Spring 2026 COVID 19 Vaccination Programme
- Pharmacy First Update - (focusing on sore throat service update and Patient Group Direction (PGD) refresher

5. Vaccine Management System (VMS)

VMS Access Test: Please conduct a test of VMS before the start of the Spring programme to ensure that you can still gain access and the system is fully operational.

VMS Accounts:

- **Primary VMS Account:** the password for VMS (under the Pharmacy.XXXX@hscni.net user account) is the same as password for the Portal. If you change the password for the Portal the VMS password will also change to match this.

If you encounter any issues when trying to access VMS access please email a summary to Grainne.Sheerin@hscni.net with a screen shot of the error message.

6. PHA Vaccinators

Community pharmacies vaccinating Care Homes have access to the PHA vaccinator pool. These are trained vaccinators employed by the PHA who can attend and provide additional capacity for care home vaccination clinics. This is a free service to community pharmacies and GP practices.

Please see the Sessional Vaccinator Request Process document linked [here](#) for more information.

The email address to send requests is: PHAVaccinesitrep@hscni.net

7. PHA COVID-19 Vaccination Training Resource

The PHA have produced updated COVID-19 vaccination training slides which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

8. NHS Learning Hub

NHS has published a knowledge session on Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign on their website. There is also training modules available for specific vaccine products including the new vaccine Nuvaxovid for the Spring Campaign. This can be accessed in the link below.

- <https://learninghub.nhs.uk/Resource/79407/Item>

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

Regards,

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