



Vaccine Supply

MenC Vaccine Ordering

A reminder that the MenC infant vaccination programme will cease on 1st July 2016. MenC vaccine (NeisVac-C®) continues to remain available to order through ImmForm until 1 July 2016.

Locally held stocks of NeisVac-C® should be carefully reviewed before ordering more vaccine, to take account of the cessation date and to ensure vaccine is not ordered unnecessarily. Any stock remaining in fridges on 1 July 2016 should be retained until it expires at which point it should be disposed of in line with local policies. Any stock disposal should be recorded on the ImmForm website as a stock incident.

Nimenrix – check expiry dates

Alongside longer dated Nimenrix, PHE has a small stock of Nimenrix vaccine currently being distributed which has a shorter than usual expiry date of 31/08/2016. Recent orders for Nimenrix will be met from this stock, therefore please check the expiry date of the stock you receive to ensure it is used in a timely fashion.

Primary infant vaccine

Ordering for Pediacel remains restricted to 3 doses per order, per week in England. Restrictions are also in place for Wales and Scotland. Infanrix IPV Hib is available to order, with no restriction on volume. Where possible and if local stock allows, it is preferable that the same DTaP/ IPV-Hib containing vaccine be used for all three doses of the primary course. However, vaccination should never be delayed because the vaccine used for previous doses is not known or unavailable.

BCG vaccine ordering temporarily suspended

Due to on-going manufacturing delays at the Statens Serum Institute (SSI) in Denmark, ordering for BCG vaccine through the ImmForm website is temporarily suspended.

PHE retains a small stockpile for distribution in urgent circumstances. Should you have an urgent requirement please contact the ImmForm helpdesk at helpdesk@immform.org.uk and provide details of the volume required and the nature of the request which will be reviewed by PHE.

For advice on prioritisation for using available local stock please see the Vaccine Update BCG special edition available at [weblink 1](#).

PHE continues to work to secure a suitable replacement BCG vaccine as soon as possible.

Use of batch 114022A beyond labelled expiry (29/02/2016)

The most recent batch of SSI BCG vaccine that was distributed by PHE (batch 114022A) had an expiry date of 29 February 2016. As BCG vaccine supply from SSI continues to be delayed the MHRA agreed that it is acceptable to use batch 114022A for up to six months past its labelled expiry date, based on the known stability of the SSI BCG vaccine and on review of additional information provided by the manufacturer.

SSI BCG vaccine from batch 114022A which has been ordered via ImmForm should therefore be retained and can be used past the labelled expiry date, outside of the marketing authorisation, until 31 August 2016. Batch 114022A of SSI BCG vaccine has not been re-labelled and a letter explaining the extension is being sent out with deliveries and should be kept with the BCG vaccine. The letter is available at [weblink 2](#).

Organisations may continue to supply and administer available BCG vaccine by existing mechanisms, including via Patient Group Direction, as they deem appropriate. The administration of SSI BCG vaccine batch 114022A between 29 February 2016 and 31 August 2016 will be outside of the marketing authorisation (off-label) but there is no licensed alternative in the UK. MHRA have advised that a medicine which is for use outside its licenced indications can be included in a PGD. This use should be formally noted by the organisation but there is no requirement to amend existing PGDs for administration of the product.

Due to the delays mentioned above, this batch represents the only suitable UK supply for some months, and therefore BCG vaccine from Batch 114022A should continue to be held and used past February 2016.

PPD2TU

Due to manufacturing delays, orders for PPD2TU (Mantoux) are currently restricted to 1 pack per account per fortnight for NHS customers and closed for private customers.

PPD10TU

Due to manufacturing delays, PPD10TU (Mantoux) ordering through ImmForm is currently closed. If you require PPD10TU, please contact the ImmForm helpdesk on 0844 376 0040 or helpdesk@immform.org.uk.

Spring Bank Holiday,

On the Spring Bank holiday, Monday 30th May 2016, there will be no deliveries or order processing by Movianto UK.

For customers with a delivery date of Monday 30th May, please be aware that after 11:55AM on 19th May, your next delivery day will be 6th June.

For customers who require a delivery on Tuesday 31 May or Wednesday 1 June, orders will need to be placed before 11:55AM on 26 or 27 May respectively.

Please see the table below for revised order and delivery dates.

You are reminded to be prepared for the break in deliveries and to order accordingly. Please make sure you have sufficient room in your fridge for any additional vaccine you wish to stock over this holiday period, bearing in mind the recommendation that only two to four weeks of vaccine stock be held at any one time.

Spring Bank holiday – 2016		
Delivery date	Order cut-off date	Order cut-off time
Monday 23 May	Thursday 19 May	11:55 AM
Tuesday 24 May	Friday 20 May	11:55 AM
Wednesday 25 May	Monday 23 May	11:55 AM
Thursday 26 May	Tuesday 24 May	11:55 AM
Friday 27 May	Wednesday 25 May	11:55 AM
Monday 30 May	CLOSED – NO DELIVERIES	
Tuesday 31 May	Thursday 26 May	11:55 AM
Wednesday 1 June	Friday 27 May	11:55 AM
Thursday 2 June	Tuesday 31 May	11:55 AM
Friday 3 June	Wednesday 1 June	11:55 AM

Please be advised that Emergency or “Out of Schedule” deliveries cannot be arranged for failure to place orders in good time.

Web links

web link 1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-244-april-2016-bcg-supply-special-edition>

web link 2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bcg-vaccine-expiry-extension-for-ssi-bcg-vaccine-batch-114022a>