



## Vaccine supply special edition

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#### PPD2TU (Mantoux) tests

PHE is currently experiencing delays with the supply of PPD2TU (Mantoux) test kits and routine ordering has now been stopped. We expect to open ordering again shortly. For those that require testing, PHE recommends the following:

- **for latent TB screening in healthy adults (aged 16-35):** PHE recommends the use of interferon gamma release assays (IGRA) instead of PPD2TU. A single IGRA test might be used in place of a two-step test of Mantoux followed by an IGRA test among those with a positive skin test (PHE position statement on the use of Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) tests for Tuberculosis (TB) 2014, see [web link 1](#))
- **for latent TB screening in children and immunocompromised individuals (aged under 16):** PPD 2 TU should continue to be used. You should contact the ImmForm helpdesk to request an order on 0844 376 0040. If PPD2TU is no longer available, an IGRA test can be used.

NICE guidelines should be followed for all contacts where a confirmatory IGRA test is indicated, see [web link 2](#)

- **for testing prior to BCG vaccination:** This is used to determine whether children over five years of age and adults have already been exposed to mycobacteria and may not benefit from BCG. For this indication, PHE recommends that where possible PPD 2TU should continue to be used. You should contact the ImmForm helpdesk to request an order on 0844 376 0040. Where this is not available, PPD10TU can be used instead. Use of PPD10TU is likely to induce a slightly bigger reaction than PPD2TU (ranging from 1.5 to 3 mm) which will need to be considered when interpreting the result. Research does not suggest a higher level of adverse effect with the use of PPD 10TU

## Attention all customers – Easter Bank holiday deliveries warning notice

Due to the Easter Bank holiday, there will be **no deliveries or order processing** by Movianto UK on Friday 3 April and Monday 6 April 2015. Please see the table below for revised order and delivery dates.

For customers with delivery dates of Friday or Monday please be aware that after 27 and 30 March, your next available delivery day will be 10 and 13 April respectively. 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.

## Easter Bank holiday orders and deliveries – revised table

Delivery date	Order cut-off date	Order cut-off time
Monday 30 March	Thursday 26 March	11:55
Tuesday 31 March	Friday 27 March	11:55
Wednesday 1 April	Monday 30 March	11:55
Thursday 2 April	Tuesday 31 March	11:55
Good Friday 3 April Easter Monday 6 April	<b>Closed – No DELIVERIES</b>	
Tuesday 7 April	<b>Wednesday 1 April</b>	11:55
Wednesday 8 April	<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	11:55
Thursday 9 April	Tuesday 7 April	11:55
Friday 10 April	Wednesday 8 April	11:55

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/collections/tuberculosis-and-other-mycobacterial-diseases-diagnosis-screening-management-and-data>
- web link 2 <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg117>