



Flu vaccine supply special issue

Vaccine supply

Influenza vaccine supply for the children's part of the national flu vaccination programme

In order to simplify the supply of Fluenz Tetra and inactivated flu vaccine for GPs and other providers during the phased implementation of the children's part of the flu vaccination programme, PHE has centrally procured flu vaccine for those children who are included in this year's phase of the programme and those children aged from six months to less than 18 years old in clinical risk groups.

This covers both Fluenz Tetra (live attenuated influenza vaccine) and inactivated flu vaccines for those children for whom Fluenz Tetra is contraindicated or not suitable. The following vaccines will be available for the 2014 influenza season for children, including a number of school pilot programmes throughout England. The vaccines will be available on the ImmForm website from September as shown below.

Ordering of vaccines is expected to commence on the dates set out below:

Vaccine and programme	Manufacturer	Expected date and time ordering opens
Fluenz Tetra® for school pilots	AstraZeneca UK Ltd	Monday 22 September, 9am
Fluenz Tetra® for the national programme	AstraZeneca UK Ltd	Wednesday 24 September, 12 noon
Fluarix Tetra® for the school pilots and national programme	GSK	Monday 22 September, 9am
Inactivated influenza vaccine (split virion) BP® for the national programme	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	Monday 22 September, 9am

Please refer to guidance from your respective Health Departments on supply of influenza vaccines in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The vaccines are supplied for the following cohorts:

Vaccine	Type	Age indication	Cohort
Fluenz Tetra® , AstraZeneca UK Ltd	Quadrivalent live attenuated	From 24 months to less than 18 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll-out cohorts for the phased implementation (2, 3, & 4 year olds) and school pilots. • 2 year olds to less than 18 years old in clinical risk groups
Fluarix Tetra® , GSK	Quadrivalent inactivated	From 3 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in the above cohorts aged from 3 years who are contraindicated for Fluenz Tetra®.
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Split Virion) BP®, Sanofi Pasteur MSD	Trivalent inactivated	From 6 months of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months to less than 2 years old in a clinical risk group • Less than 3 years old who are contraindicated for Fluenz Tetra®.

Apart from this central procurement of vaccine for children less than 18 years of age, it remains the responsibility of general practices to order sufficient flu vaccine for older eligible patients of the flu programme in 2014/15 directly from manufacturers.