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COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Spring 2026

Dear Pharmacist,

Thank you for your participation in the autumn / winter COVID-19 and seasonal influenza campaign.

During the vaccination programme Community Pharmacies have administered circa 172K COVID-19 and 472K flu vaccines accounting for total vaccination activity levels of circa 33% for COVID and 36% for flu respectively.

I refer to [Circular NCO-05-2026](#) Seasonal Vaccination Programme update, dated 13th February 2026.

It has been confirmed that the spring COVID-19 programme commences on **13th April 2026** and will continue for approximately 6 weeks.

The following groups are recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine twice a year and are eligible for vaccination in the COVID-19 Spring campaign:

- Those aged 80 years and older
- Those aged 18 years and above living in long-term care facilities for older adults
- Those aged 6 months and older with immunocompromise associated with a suboptimal response to vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccines should also be available outside of defined seasonal campaigns where clinically indicated, including but not limited to pregnancy or anyone commencing a new period of immunosuppression or anyone who is previously unvaccinated and for whom a COVID-19 vaccine is recommended as per the NIAC guidelines. The most recent NIAC recommendations are available [here](#).

Recommended intervals are as per the NIAC guidance; however, those eligible may be offered a COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 months after their last COVID-19 vaccine or SARS-CoV-2 infection.

For any clinical queries please contact the National Immunisation Office at immunisation@hse.ie. Clinical material will be available through the National Immunisation Office in due course via the [HSE website](#).

Those eligible aged 12 years and over, will be able to avail of COVID-19 vaccine through participating GPs and Pharmacies. The model is for HSE COVID-19 Vaccination teams to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible residents in long-term care facilities for older adults, the housebound and those aged under 12 years. Parents or legal guardians can arrange an appointment for vaccination for those eligible under 12 years by calling HSELive on 1800 700 700.

The COVID-19 vaccine remains free of charge to those eligible cohorts outlined, and is not available privately.



Vaccine administration

Prior to administering any vaccines, you should use the Vaccination History Search application on PharmaVax to check vaccination status and avoid administering a duplicate vaccine. For further information or to enquire about access to the HSE Vaccination History Search Application contact the A2I HIDS support team via Healthmail: a2ihids.support@healthmail.ie Email: a2ihids.support@hse.ie or phone 01 778 4998

Vaccines & Ordering

- The COVID-19 vaccine which will be used for the spring campaign is Comirnaty® LP8.1.
- Comirnaty is available to order online from <https://www.ordervaccines.ie/>
- Review your delivery calendar to confirm order cut-off dates and delivery dates.
Note that four times annually there is a three week gap between vaccine deliveries, there is a week downtime scheduled 6th April.

For any queries relating to vaccine orders or deliveries, contact NCCS customer services at: vaccines@udd.ie or phone 01 4637770.

Conclusion

I would like once again to express my sincere gratitude to Community Pharmacies and their teams for the efficient manner in which the COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programmes have been delivered to-date. I wish you and your team every success in preparing for the COVID-19 Spring programme over the coming weeks.

Please be assured of the HSE's continued support at this time and if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Vaccinations and Primary Care Contractor Team on 021- 4928787 or by email vaccinations.primarycarecontractors@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', is written over a horizontal line.

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