

Update on previously communicated order opening dates for LAIV

Points to note:

- The latest anticipated order opening date for LAIV is in the week commencing 4th September, with first deliveries expected to be made in the week commencing 11th September.
- Please note that all information on the availability and allocation of vaccines for the children's flu programme shown below remains subject to change.
- The latest and most accurate information on the availability of centrally supplied vaccines for the children's flu programme is available on the [ImmForm news](#) page at all times and it is strongly advised that all parties involved in the provision of influenza vaccines to children ensure they remain up to date with this information.
- UKHSA does not supply any flu vaccines for patients aged 18 years and over.
- Please refer to guidance from your respective health departments for arrangements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Vaccines and availability

All flu vaccines for the 2023/24 children's flu programme will be available to order by NHS providers in England via UKHSA's ImmForm website.

The 2 vaccines available, indicative ordering dates and the groups these vaccines should be ordered for are shown in the table below.

At present these timings remain subject to change and plans for vaccination sessions should take account of this.

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Available to order for	Anticipated order opening for all providers
Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV)	AstraZeneca	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All children from 2 years of age to school year 11; and• Children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years*	w/c 4th September, with first deliveries w/c 11th September
Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc)	Seqirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to <2 years• All other eligible** children aged 2 to <18 years for whom LAIV is unsuitable	Early September

*unless LAIV clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable

** Children from 2 years of age to school year 11, and children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years.

Editing LAIV orders

Due to the anticipated large volume of orders in the first few weeks, orders for this product will be assembled as soon as they are placed and will not be editable. If you need to make

an adjustment to your order after it has been placed, you will need to contact helpdesk@immform.org.uk for assistance.

LAIV ordering information for General Practice

As in previous seasons, ordering controls will be in place for general practices, to enable UKHSA to balance supply with demand. These controls work by allocating an amount of LAIV based on the number of registered eligible patients and are tailored to each practice. UKHSA expects to be able to accommodate the following, **however at this time, this information remains subject to change:**

- Each GP practice will initially be allocated sufficient LAIV to vaccinate at least 50% of their eligible patients (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years) when ordering commences.
- Increases to these allocations may be made in response to demand and vaccine availability.
- Requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the ordering period. Requests for additional vaccine should be sent to the helpdesk (helpdesk@immform.org.uk) and should be sent in good time before your order cut-off. Out of schedule deliveries will be by exception only.

Multi-Branch Practices and LAIV allocations

Please note that GP practices or groups that operate over multiple sites but are part of the same organisation will have a joint allocation (as in previous years), even where each site has a unique ImmForm account. This means that it is possible for one site to potentially order all of the available vaccine for the group, unless there is local agreement on how the allocated volume is shared. UKHSA recommend that this agreement is in place before ordering opens to reduce the risk of supply interruption. The information above allows practices to estimate the amount of vaccine they will be initially allocated, and how it should be split between all sites.

LAIV ordering information for school-age providers

School providers will be able to place 2 orders and receive 2 deliveries of LAIV per week, to assist in the management of vaccine volumes required across limited storage space at delivery points.

This will operate on a 48-hour delivery schedule requiring the order to be placed before the 11.55am cut off 2 working days before the required delivery day. The table below illustrates the respective delivery days versus ordering day.

Order day (before 11.55am cut off)	Delivery day
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

Customers must ensure that the point of delivery will be open and staffed on the delivery day when placing orders.

Please note that this does not affect the routine ordering and delivery schedule of any other vaccines (including inactivated flu vaccines) ordered from ImmForm and is applicable to Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) only.

A default weekly ordering cap of 450 packs (4,500 doses) per week will be in place for school provider accounts.

Where this cap is insufficient and a provider needs a larger weekly volume of vaccine to deliver the programme (for example where a provider covers a large area using a single account), a higher weekly cap should be requested via the UKHSA Flu Vaccine Operations team by emailing childfluvaccine@ukhsa.gov.uk. Requests should be made **by Friday 25 August** to ensure that accounts are set up correctly before vaccine ordering commences. For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via helpdesk@immform.org.uk.

Inactivated flu vaccine ordering

The Cell Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (Surface Antigen, Inactivated) (QIVc) will be available to order, **in a single dose pack**, for:

- Children in clinical risk groups aged from six months to less than 2 years old;
- Children aged from 2 to <18 years old in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable; and
- Healthy children from 2 years old to those in school year 11, for whom LAIV is unsuitable (for example, due to objection to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content)

Order controls will also be in place for this vaccine as follows:

- For GPs, there will be an initial cap of 10 doses/packs per week
- For school-age providers, there will be a cap of 450 doses/packs per week.