**Vaccines for the 2021 to 2022 children’s flu programme supplied by PHE – all vaccines now available to order**

The 3 vaccines available and the groups these vaccines should be ordered for, are shown in the table below. The latest and most accurate information on availability of centrally supplied vaccines for the children’s flu programme is available on the ImmForm news page at all times. It is strongly advised that all parties involved in the provision of influenza vaccines to children ensure they remain up to date with this.

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| **Vaccine** | **Manufacturer** | **Available to order for** |
| Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) | AstraZeneca | All children from 2 years of age and in school years R-11, and children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years\* |
| Flucelvax (QIVc) | Seqirus | Eligible\*\* children aged 2 to <18 years for whom LAIV is unsuitable |
| Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe) | Sanofi Pasteur | Children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to <2 years |

\*unless clinically contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable

\*\* Children in clinical risk groups aged 2 to <18 years and healthy children aged from 2 years and in eligible school-aged cohorts where LAIV is not suitable.

**LAIV ordering information for General Practice**

As in previous years, ordering controls are in place for Fluenz® Tetra to enable PHE to balance supply with demand. Ordering controls for general practices are tailored to each practice and work by allocating an amount of vaccine based on the number of registered eligible patients. Each GP practice has now been allocated sufficient vaccine to vaccinate at least 70% of their eligible children (all 2- and 3-year-olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years). Further amendments to these allocations will be made in response to demand and vaccine availability, and requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout.

**LAIV ordering information for school-age providers**

For the first time in 2021 to 2022, school teams are 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 operates on a 48-hour delivery schedule requiring the order to be placed before the 11.55 am cut-off 2 working days before the required delivery day.  The table below illustrates the respective delivery day versus ordering day.

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

**Please ensure that the point of delivery will be open and manned on the delivery day when placing orders.**

**Please note that this does not affect the 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 ordering cap of 450 packs (4500 doses) per week, per ImmForm account is in place for school providers.

* where the 450 pack 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 can be requested via the PHE Vaccine Operations team by emailing [childfluvaccine@phe.gov.uk](mailto:childfluvaccine@phe.gov.uk). These requests may take a few days to action and should therefore be made well in advance of need.
* for one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk) in good time before the order cut-off

**Inactivated flu vaccine ordering**

PHE is also supplying 2 inactivated vaccines for the 2021 to 2022 season:

1. Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIVe) should only be ordered for children in clinical risk groups aged from six months to less than 2 years old, with an initial order cap of 2 doses per week.
2. Flucelvax (QIVc), which is available for:

* Children aged 2 to <18 years old in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is unsuitable; and
* healthy children from 2 years old and all eligible school-aged cohorts, who object to LAIV on the grounds of its porcine gelatine content.
* this vaccine is available to order in a single dose pack to GPs, with an initial order cap of 8 doses per week
* this vaccine is available to order by school-age providers in a ten-dose pack with an order cap of 45 packs (450 doses) per week. Each pack will be supplied with a separate pack of ten PILs

Requests for larger orders should be sent to the helpdesk ([helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk)) in good time before your order cut-off.

Many thanks,

The vaccine supply team.