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### Immunisation system for flu vaccinations

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further update to my letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

This flu season (2022/23) all HSE and Section 38 organisations administering the flu vaccine should be using COVAX (the ICT system for COVID-19 vaccinations) to capture vaccination records for Flu. Primary care settings are using GP patient management systems, GPVax or PharmaVax to send vaccination records on flu into COVAX.

Section 39 settings and other healthcare organisations who are administering the HSE flu vaccine may not have access to COVAX currently. If your organisation does not have access to COVAX but is administering the flu vaccine please email us at [immunisation@hse.ie](mailto:immunisation@hse.ie). We are working on an ICT solution to enable you to transfer flu vaccination records onto COVAX. In the meantime sites administering the flu vaccine can consider using the consent forms available here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/fluinfo/>

All sites which have an account with the National Cold Chain Service (NCCS) and have ordered flu vaccine in previous seasons can continue to order the vaccines from NCCS using the online ordering system [www.ordervaccines.ie](http://www.ordervaccines.ie).

The following flu vaccines are still available to order via NCCS:

- Quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), nasal application for those aged 2-17 years. Brand available:
  - Fluenz Tetra nasal spray suspension Influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) manufactured by AstraZeneca AB
- Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIV) available for all other eligible populations including those aged 2-17 with contraindications to LAIV (QIV is licensed for those 6 months of age and older). Brand available:
  - Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur

#### Key Resources

The following key resources are available:

- Visit [www.hse.ie/flu](http://www.hse.ie/flu) for patient information material and download HSE flu campaign resources (including leaflets and posters). You will also find the groups recommended the free HSE flu vaccine.
- Information for healthcare professionals are available on [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie)
- E-learning modules on LAIV and QIV are available on [www.hseland.ie](http://www.hseland.ie).

Yours Sincerely,

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