



Welcome to the summer edition of the VACCSline newsletter

VACCSline phone number: prefix changed on 1st August 2014

From 1st August the VACCSline telephone number prefix has changed from 0845 to 0345. Please share this number change with any colleagues who may use the VACCSline service. **0345 279 9878**

Influenza vaccination programme

Details of the 2014/15 influenza vaccination programme were published on 28 April 2014 and can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme>

Key points to note for this year's programme are:

- Children aged two, three **and** four years are eligible for vaccination in primary care
- Unless contraindicated, all children from two years of age should be vaccinated using the nasal vaccine: Fluenz tetra (quadrivalent vaccine)(live attenuated influenza vaccine)
- If Fluenz is contraindicated, the vaccine of choice is a quadrivalent injectable vaccine. The injectable quadrivalent vaccine is only licensed in children from three years of age. For children younger than this, a suitable trivalent vaccine should be used instead
- Vaccines for all children are being supplied centrally and ordered through IMM FORM
- A full list of vaccines, the age range they can be used for and their ovalbumin (egg) content is available in the Online Green Book influenza chapter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19>

Men C freshers' dose

During the Summer, students preparing to begin University will be notified by the admission service UCAS, to obtain a MenC vaccine booster from their GP practice. This booster should ideally be given prior to freshers starting University. This is part of a time limited catch-up programme to offer the vaccine to first time university entrants under the age of 25 years. For further details please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-c-menc-vaccination-programme>

MenB vaccine (4CMenB, Bexsero): immunisation of clinical risk groups

Detailed guidance has now been published regarding vaccination with MenB vaccine for individuals within clinical risk groups who are at an increased risk of meningococcal infection. These are persons with asplenia, splenic dysfunction, complement disorders or those who are receiving complement inhibitor therapy. Further details are available in Chapter 7 of the online Green Book (updated in May 2014): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-of-individuals-with-underlying-medical-conditions-the-green-book-chapter-7>

Returning 'unscheduled immunisation forms' to child health departments

All immunisations given to children aged less than 16 years, as part of the national UK schedule should be recorded on the local Child Health Information Systems (CHIS). This data is utilised in a number of ways, for example: reporting COVER data, evaluating the uptake of immunisation programmes and reviewing immunisation records when planning an appropriate response to an outbreak.

Routine immunisations given during scheduled clinics are generally well reported. However, there is less certainty about immunisations given outside of these times. For practices in areas with electronic data extraction, no further action is necessary. For practices using the unscheduled immunisation forms, these should be completed for any UK schedule immunisations given to children aged less than 16 years and returned promptly to CHIS.



Immunisation training for new immunisers

All healthcare professionals either administering or giving advice about immunisations should be trained in line with the National Minimum Standards for Immunisation Training. This includes theoretical training that is in line with the Core Curriculum, as well as the completion of work-based learning to develop immunisation practice.

Theoretical training: this can be face to face training (see details of provision below) or through the NHS e-learning programme. <https://elearning.nsahealth.org.uk/local/sfadmin/login/index.php>

Work-based learning: A competency framework is available to support the development of immunisation practice. In the Thames Valley, immunisers are encouraged to use the competency framework published by the RCN in December 2013. This has been adapted into a user friendly spread sheet and can be accessed at the following link: www.ovg.ox.ac.uk/Resources

Note: For travel health practice the RCN document, *Travel health nursing: career and competence development* should be referred to and followed. http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/

FREE TRAIN THE TRAINER EVENT: IMMUNISATION UPDATE INFLUENZA, PNEUMOCOCCAL (adult) & ZOSTER VACCINES

Monday 8th September, 2014, 9.30am – 1pm

Thames Valley Public Health England Centre, Chilton, Oxfordshire. OX11 0RQ

OR

Wednesday 24th September, 2014, 9.30 – 1pm

Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7GR

If you would like to attend this FREE event email: VACCSline.training@phe.gov.uk

In the email please provide your name, job title, workplace, county of workplace, where you plan to cascade the training and which date you wish to book for (8th or 24th September)

Upcoming Immunisation Training (delivered by VACCSline team)

Berkshire	Introduction to Immunisation: 15/10/14: Easthampstead, Bracknell	<i>Contact:</i> BHFT staff book through intranet learningdevelopment@berkshire.nhs.uk For enquiries please call: 0118 960 5213
Buckinghamshire	Update: 17/11/14 : High Wycombe	<i>Contact:</i> 01494 734681 training.department@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
Oxfordshire	Introduction to Immunisation: 10/09/2014: Kidlington	<i>Contact:</i> Kaye Hewer 01865 325496 kaye.hewer@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
Other providers	Introduction to Immunisation: 18/11/14 High Wycombe	<i>Contact:</i> Clinical Training Limited www.clinicaltrainingltd.co.uk

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VACCSline provides advice on childhood and adult immunisations to health professionals in the Thames Valley. In East Berkshire immunisation enquiries may also be directed to the Immunisation Lead, Dr Marilyn Lansley, either on her office number 01753 635542 or mobile 0771 247 1375. Her office number may be given to patients. For advice about adult travel immunisations, practitioners are directed to www.nathnac.org.

VACCSline hours	
Monday	10.30am to 4pm
Tuesday	9am to 4pm
Wednesday	9am to 4pm
Thursday	9am to 4pm
Friday	9am to 4pm

Vaccine Advice for Clinicians Service

Part of Oxford Vaccine Group, CCVTM, Churchill Hospital, Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LE, and Thames Valley Public Health England Centre, Public Health England, Chilton, OX11 0RQ .

Specific questions should be directed to your local Child Health Department.