

STATE VACCINE CENTRE – ONLINE ORDERING

AGED CARE FACILITIES



Please distribute to all doctors and staff in your facility

1. NSW Health is now requiring all vaccine orders to be placed via the Vaccine Centre online ordering system
2. Advice is provided on how to set up an online account and manage vaccine storage
3. Reminder of changes to the NSW Immunisation Schedule effective from 1 July 2020 is provided

How to set up online ordering:

- In preparation for the 2021 influenza season, please review your vaccine storage capabilities and set up online ordering. **Faxed orders will not be accepted in 2021.**
- Designate a staff member to be responsible for ordering vaccine online.
- Ensure that the nominated person will have access to your facility's email address.
- Complete the attached online ordering approval form and email to MOH-vaccereports@health.nsw.gov.au with the requested details. This must include the name of the designated person and the email address of the facility.
- You will then be provided with log on details via email. Once logged on you can access the Online Ordering System User Guide.
- Report disposal of all expired vaccine/s via the online ordering system.

Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Management

- Please ensure your vaccine refrigerator has enough storage capacity to safely store vaccines required.
- Vaccines must be stored between 2°C to 8°C to remain potent.
- All staff who will be monitoring the vaccine fridge/ receiving vaccine orders should complete the NSW Health Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Management online training module, available on this webpage: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/cold-chain-management.aspx>
- To support effective cold chain management please ensure your facility meets the 'National Vaccine Storage Guidelines - *Strive for 5*'. These guidelines are available to download from <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5>
- Report any suspected cold chain as soon as possible to your local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Changes to the NSW Immunisation Schedule in July 2020

Pneumococcal vaccine

- In July 2020 the recommended and funded schedule for pneumococcal vaccines changed.
- Prevenar 13 (13vPCV) is now recommended for:
 - Aboriginal people from 50 years of age (without risk conditions) and for
 - all other people from 70 years of age (without risk conditions)those with risk conditions (under 50 years for Aboriginal people and under 70 years for others) should receive Prevenar 13 at diagnosis.
- Pneumovax 23 (23vPPV) is now offered to:
 - Medically at risk people aged over 12 months (given 2 to 12 months after Prevenar 13, or at age 4 years and over, whichever is later and then another dose at least 5 years later)
 - Aboriginal people aged 50 years and over (given 2 to 12 months after Prevenar 13 and then an additional dose at least 5 years later)

Further details regarding the changes to the schedule can be found at:
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schedule-changes.aspx>

Regards,
NSW Health
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