

# National Immunisation News

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## Summer's here

During the holiday season don't forget to make sure that orders are placed for any vaccines you need over the summer months.

If you haven't done so already please check your fridge and return any out of season influenza vaccines and any other expired vaccines.



Place these vaccines in a box with a completed returns form ready for collection at your next delivery.

Vaccines for return do NOT need to be kept in the fridge.

Vaccine return forms are available from Customer Service

- 01 463 7770 or
- [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie) under "Vaccine Ordering and Storage"

## Did you know?

The NIAC Immunisation guidelines for Ireland, 2008 and subsequent updates are now accessible from our homepage. New chapters on diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus will be published in the coming months.

Check back regularly to keep up to date with the latest guidance.



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### Welcome to the Health Service Executive Immunisation Website

This site provides information on immunisation for the General Public and Healthcare Professionals



Childhood Immunisation



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Immunisation Schedule



Click on the link to view information about Vaccination records



Click on the link to view Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland



### Hot Topic

Measles outbreak in West Cork

Information for those travelling to Euro 2012

MMR Information for those travelling to Europe this summer



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## National Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland

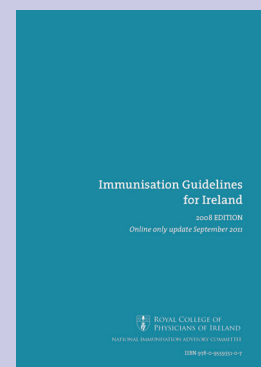
The following chapters were updated in January and February 2012.

- Chapter 2 - General Immunisation Procedures
- Chapter 7 - Influenza
- Chapter 13a - Rotavirus
- Chapter 16 - Tuberculosis

Please download the updates from the following link

[www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/ImmunisationGuidelines2008/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/ImmunisationGuidelines2008/)

An update document is available to download from the top of the webpage under the updates heading.



## Reactions following Vaccination

Local Reactions such as red swollen arms are not uncommon following vaccination and usually settle down within 24 - 48 hours post vaccination. Most reactions do not require other medicines such as antibiotics.

Children do NOT usually need to take any medicine when they are given a vaccine. However, if a child gets a fever (over 39.5°C) or is sore where the injection was given, paracetamol or ibuprofen can be given.

Common Reaction	What to do
Soreness, swelling and redness in the area where the injection was given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to relieve aches and pains</li> <li>• Make sure clothes are not too tight or rubbing against the area where the injection was given</li> </ul>
Fever (over 39.5°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not overdress the baby</li> <li>• Make sure their room isn't too hot</li> <li>• Give extra fluids to drink</li> <li>• Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower the fever</li> </ul>
Headache or irritability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give paracetamol or ibuprofen to relieve aches and pains</li> </ul>

All adverse reactions should be reported to the Irish Medicines Board. Please see [www.imb.ie](http://www.imb.ie) for more information.

## BCG Reactions

3 - 6 weeks following BCG vaccination a small red pimple appears at the injection site. This may remain for a number of weeks and there may be a discharge. This is a normal reaction and will resolve without antibiotics.



## Cold Chain News

### New vaccine schedules

New delivery schedules will be delivered to all sites in July. These will give you details of your vaccine deliveries from August 2012 to July 2013.

## Tetanus vaccination following a wound for children under 10 years of age

Age	Vaccination status	Vaccine required
<4 years	<3 doses or unknown	6 in 1 vaccine
	3 or more doses	Nil
>4 to 9 years	<3 doses or unknown	4 in 1 vaccine
	3 doses only	4 in 1 vaccine
	3 or more doses	Nil
	4 or more doses	Nil

**NOTE: Children under 10 year of age should not be given**

Td	Dite booster
Td/IPV	Revaxis
Tdap/IPV IPV	Boostrix

## Measles in Ireland and Europe

There are currently ongoing measles outbreaks in Ireland and Europe so unvaccinated children and young adults may be at risk.

There is an ongoing outbreak in West Cork affecting mainly unvaccinated teenagers with over 60 measles cases and four children have been hospitalised. There are also cases of measles in other parts of the country.

There is a large measles outbreak in the Ukraine and a high level of measles in other European countries like France, Germany, Italy and Romania.

Please make sure that babies are given their MMR at 12 months.

MMR vaccine is also recommended for older unvaccinated children and adults (born on or after 1978).

More information at [http://www.immunisation.ie/en/HotTopics/Text\\_16399\\_en.html](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/HotTopics/Text_16399_en.html)

**Current Vaccines List Updated June 2012****Primary Childhood Vaccines**

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
6 in 1	INFANRIX HEXA	GSK	10
Men C	MENJUGATE	Novartis	1
PCV	PREVENAR 13	Pfizer	10
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMR Vax Pro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hib	HIBERIX	GSK	1
Hib	Act-Hib	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1

**Adult Vaccines**

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Td	DITE BOOSTER	SSI	5
Pneumococcal	PNEUMOVAX 11	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

**Vaccines Used By HSE**

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
BCG	BCG	SSI	5
TdaP	BOOSTRIX	GSK	1
Tuberculin	TUBERCULIN 2 TU	SSI	10
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMR Vax Pro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
HPV	GARDASIL	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

**Restricted Vaccines Requiring Authorisation**

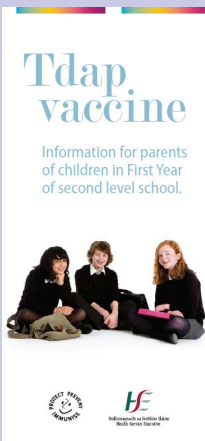
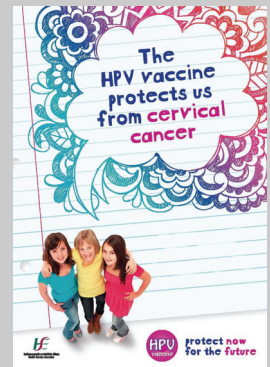
Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Hepatitis A	HAVRIX Monodose	GSK	1
	AVAXIM	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HAVRIX Junior Monodose	GSK	1
Hepatitis B	ENGERIX (adult)	GSK	1
	ENGERIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
	FENDRIX (renal insufficiency)	GSK	1
Hepatitis A+B	HBVAXPRO 5mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 10mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 40mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hepatitis A+B	TWINRIX (adult)	GSK	1
	TWINRIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
MenACW <sub>135</sub> Y	MENVEO	Novartis	1
Td/IPV	Revaxis	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Tdap/IPV	IPV-Boostrix	GSK	1

## HPV Programme

In 2010/2011 the HSE HPV school programme targeted almost 60,000 schoolgirls in first and second year of second level schools as well as those attending special schools or home schooled.

Uptake rates for the first year of the programme have been published showing that the programme has been very well received with an uptake rate of 82% in its first year.

Further information about the vaccine and the vaccination programme is available at [www.hpv.ie](http://www.hpv.ie) and [www.immunisation.ie/en/HPVProgramme/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/HPVProgramme/)



## Tdap booster vaccine

The Tdap (low dose tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine was introduced to the schools immunisation programme on a phased basis from September 2011. This vaccine is offered to students in first year of second level schools and replaces the previous school based Td vaccination programme. The HSE plans to extend the Tdap vaccination programme to all areas from September 2012.

The adolescent booster has been changed because more cases of pertussis have been occurring in adolescents and adults due to the waning immunity that occurs over time, combined with a reduction in natural boosting.

In addition, 30% of adults with a cough lasting longer than 2 weeks may have pertussis and most infants and young children who contract pertussis are infected by a family member.

FAQs are available to download from [www.immunisation.ie/en/FAQs/HealthcareProfsFAQs/](http://www.immunisation.ie/en/FAQs/HealthcareProfsFAQs/)

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