



UK Health Security Agency

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Event: Removal of the restrictions on ordering BCG vaccine via ImmForm

Notified by: Incident Management Team

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IRP Level: Routine

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Instructions for Cascade

- UKHSA Private Office Groups who cascade onwards within Groups
- UKHSA Health Protection in Regions:
 - UKHSA Field Services
 - UKHSA Health Protection Teams including UKHSA Regional Deputy Directors
- UKHSA Lab Management Teams
- UKHSA Regional Communications
- Devolved Administrations
- Crown Dependencies
- DHSC CMO
- OHID Regional Directors of Public Health
- National NHSE EPRR
- NHSE National Operations Centre
- TB Unit to cascade to TB nurses' network and British Thoracic Society
- UKHSA microbiologists to cascade to non-UKHSA labs (NHS labs and private)
- UKHSA microbiologists to cascade to NHS Trust infection leads
- NHSE National Operations Centre to cascade to British Association of Paediatric TB, Infectious Disease teams, Maternity units, NHS TB services in Acute and community Trusts, NHS immunisation teams.
- Royal College of Physicians
- Royal College of General Practitioners
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Faculty of Public Health
- Incident Management Team members

- Screening and immunisation teams and leads
- Regional Deputy Directors to cascade to Directors of Public Health

Summary:

Following on from previous briefing note (BN2025/038), the restrictions that were placed on ordering BCG vaccine have been lifted.

Background and Interpretation:

There was a delay in delivery of BCG vaccine, which resulted in a drop of central stocks below the critical buffer level. UKHSA declared a national standard incident on the 08 October and recommended prioritising vaccine for eligible infants.

The shipment has now arrived, bringing stocks back to expected levels. There is no anticipated delay to any future shipments. As such, the previous caps and limits on ordering have now been lifted. Vaccines can now be ordered as normal via the ImmForm system (or equivalent) by NHS customers and private accounts.

Stocktakes undertaken during the incident showed good levels of stock remaining in local settings throughout the limitations on vaccine ordering. All requests for exceptional orders beyond the capped limit were fulfilled during the incident. There is no anticipated ongoing impact from this incident. No impact to delivery of the prioritised infant vaccines have been reported. If you are aware of any impacts on vaccine delivery caused by this incident, please inform UKHSA on Immunisation@ukhsa.gov.uk.

Implications & Recommendations for UKHSA Regions:

HPT to be aware of the lifting of these restrictions, to inform any enquires relating to BCG or this incident.

Implications & Recommendations for UKHSA sites and services:

No expected impacts

Implications & Recommendations for NHS:

Please return to normal process for ordering and offering BCG vaccinations. Please notify UKHSA on Immunisation@ukhsa.gov.uk if you identify any missed vaccinations relating to this incident, in particular any evidence of impact of eligible infants who missed BCG vaccination.

Implications and recommendations for Local Authorities:

For awareness in case of any enquiries

References/ Sources of information:

Green Book Chapter 32 Tuberculosis

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5b645a2140f0b66875559e93/Greenbook_chapter_32_Tuberculosis.pdf

<https://portal.immform.ukhsa.gov.uk/Identity/Authentication/SignIn>
