



Weekly Regional Bulletin
COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations
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Key information, updates, and required actions for COVID-19 and flu vaccination programmes. For questions, please contact england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net

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1. Autumn / winter 2026 COVID-19 vaccination programme – vaccine stocktake updates and information – FOR INFORMATION

We want every order you place to go through smoothly, with the vaccine you need arriving when you expect it. This section explains a change to how stocktake compliance works, and what you can do to avoid any unnecessary disruption to your ordering.

What's changed and why it matters to you

Stocktake compliance now applies at the point of ordering, for every vaccine type you hold. The Supply Dashboard checks your stocktake compliance at the point you try to raise an order. If a stocktake is missing or out of date for a vaccine type, you will not be able to order that vaccine type at all; the order will not go through. This is the only point at which compliance is checked, so getting it right before you order is what matters, not afterwards.

Compliance is checked per vaccine type, not per order or per site. If your site holds more than one vaccine type, for example Comirnaty 10, Comirnaty 30 and Spikevax, each one is assessed separately. Being compliant for one vaccine type doesn't carry over to the others, and if you try to raise a single order covering multiple vaccine types, only the vaccine types you're compliant for will go through. Any vaccine type you're not compliant for will be rejected at the point you try to submit the order, and won't be included, so it's worth checking every vaccine type in your order before you submit it, not just one.

Worked example: how a mixed order can be part-fulfilled

A site holds Comirnaty 10, Comirnaty 30, and Spikevax. It has previously received both Comirnaty 30 and Spikevax but has never received Comirnaty 10 before. The site has submitted a stocktake for Spikevax only and then tries to place one order covering all three vaccine types.

The Supply Dashboard checks compliance for each vaccine type in the order at the point it's submitted:

- Spikevax goes through because the site has a valid, up-to-date stocktake for it.
- Comirnaty 10 goes through, because the site has never received this vaccine before, so no prior stocktake is required for a first order.
- Comirnaty 30 is rejected, because the site has received it before, and no stocktake has been submitted for it within the last 7 days.

The site ends up ordering two vaccine types instead of three, from what looked like a single, straightforward order.

Why this catches providers out

It's easy to assume that submitting any stocktake, or ordering a vaccine you've never received before, means your whole order is covered. It doesn't. Each vaccine type is judged purely on its own compliance history, at the moment you try to order it, so the safest working assumption is the opposite: treat every vaccine type in an order as a separate compliance check, every time, before you submit.

The 7-day rule, and the two exceptions

Please submit a stocktake for every vaccine type you hold at least once every 7 days. Do this at the end of the working day, particularly on delivery days, since your submitted figures are treated as your end-of-day position. Please check that batch numbers, quantities and use-by dates match the labels on the vaccine boxes exactly, since mismatches here are a common cause of compliance issues.

You do not need to submit a stocktake for a given vaccine type if either of the following applies:

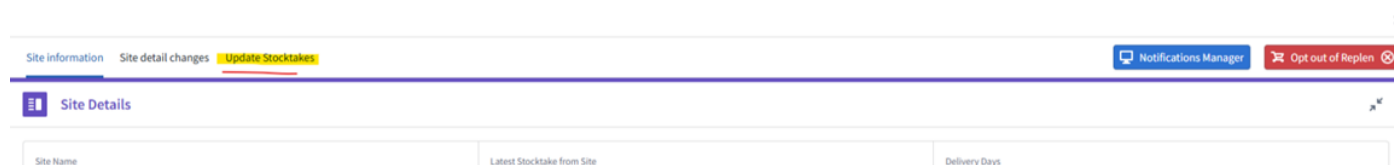
- your last recorded stocktake for that vaccine type showed zero stock, and you've had no deliveries of it since, or

- you've never received that vaccine type before and haven't yet placed your first order for it.

Once you've received a vaccine type for the first time, it moves onto the normal 7-day rule from that point on, alongside everything else you hold.

Where to record a stocktake has also changed

The orange button you previously used on the 'Site Information & Stock' page has been replaced with this button on the same page:



This takes you straight to your site's stocktake, rather than opening a new window where you had to search for your site.

What you need to do

Before placing any order that covers more than one vaccine type, please check you have a current stocktake, within the last 7 days, for every vaccine type in that order that you've previously received. Please do this before you submit the order, since this is the only point at which compliance is checked; there's no later check to catch or correct a gap once your order has gone through. Try not to rely on having submitted a stocktake for one product to reassure yourself about the whole order.

If you're not sure whether you're compliant or want to check before you need to place an order, your [ICB](#) can help, or you can attend a [weekly drop-in session](#).

Further information is available in the [provider guide](#) and guidance on the Supply Dashboard is available on the [FDP Supply Dashboard Training](#) pages of the [V&S workspace](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your [ICB](#) using the [escalation template](#).

2. General Practice: Seasonal vaccination service – record creation – FOR INFORMATION

Practices are reminded that they must use an IT system which is assured for creating vaccination records. Any use of an unassured IT system (e.g. EMIS PCN Hub) will result in practices not being remunerated and patient vaccination history not being automatically updated. For COVID-19 vaccinations, it may also result in practices not receiving sufficient vaccine.

From this autumn/winter, GP IT systems are responsible for implementing the same mandatory fields for COVID-19 vaccination that have been mandated in Point of Care (PoC) systems since the COVID-19 vaccination programme started. These are therefore not new requirements. It is essential to record information in the mandatory fields to avoid poor data quality, reduce clinical risk to patients and non-compliance with professional standards. All GP IT systems will also be rolling out mandatory fields for flu vaccination recording this autumn/winter if they haven't already.

3. Reminder: Provider queries should be directed to ICBs in the first instance **– FOR INFORMATION**

For any operational or programme-related queries, your first point of contact should be your ICB. The ICB will review your query and, where necessary, escalate it through the appropriate regional channels.

Using the agreed route helps ensure queries are directed to the correct team as quickly as possible, avoids duplication and supports timely resolution.

Please contact your ICB using the details below:

- **W&NL ICB** - wnlicb.preventionandvaccination@nhs.net
- **SEL ICB** - selicb.covidvaccinations@nhs.net
- **NEL ICB** - nelondonicb.vaccinations@nhs.net
- **SWL ICB** - immspmo@swlondon.nhs.uk

4. Latest content published on Futures (click [here](#)) – **FOR INFORMATION**

View the latest vaccination and screening uploads [here](#).

The Vaccination and Screening Futures workspace hosts content created by NHS England to support vaccination and screening providers and commissioners, including datasets, guidance, communications materials, and shared learning. If you're not already a member, you can [join here](#) using your NHS or Government email.

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First point of contact and escalation route

1



All queries (including Supply and Onboarding)

First point of contact is your **ICB**

2



Tech, data and IT issues

Contact the **relevant helpdesk**

If no response after 48 hours,
escalate to your **ICB**



3



Request for additional vaccine supply

(COVID, Child Flu & MenB)

Must be submitted via the **Supply Dashboard**
for central review and approval.

ICBs **do not** approve supply requests.

4



Deliveries

Providers must order vaccine against available
delivery date on the Supply Dashboard –
this is **provider led**.

5



Manage bookings

Manage bookings in line with supply available /
delivery date.

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Further escalation

Where necessary or required, your **ICB** will escalate
to the **London region team**.