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Dear Colleague,

## **COVID-19 VACCINATION – CO-ADMINISTERING WITH OTHER VACCINES**

As you will be aware the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is progressing at a fast pace, with the first vaccinations to be administered imminently.

We wish to highlight to all Community Pharmacies the latest information on co-administration of other vaccines with the COVID-19 vaccine. This is to aid in answering queries and also to help ensure the safe delivery of any other vaccination services provided by Community Pharmacy, such as the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Flu Vaccination Service (CPFV) or private clinics.

The latest Green Book update (chapter 14a)<sup>1</sup> makes the following points:

- It should not be routine to offer appointments to give the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines (because of the absence of data on co-administration with COVID-19 vaccines).
- Based on current information about the first COVID-19 vaccines, scheduling should ideally be separated by an interval of at least 7 days to avoid incorrect attribution of potential adverse events.
- where individuals in an eligible cohort present having received another inactivated or live vaccine, COVID-19 vaccination should still be considered.

The regional booking system currently being put in place for high volume vaccination centres (Trust sites etc.) will not allow patients to book their appointment until 7 days after a recent vaccination.

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[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/939119/Greenbook\\_chapter\\_14a\\_provisional\\_guidance\\_subject\\_to\\_MHRA\\_approval\\_of\\_vaccine\\_supply.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/939119/Greenbook_chapter_14a_provisional_guidance_subject_to_MHRA_approval_of_vaccine_supply.pdf)

## **ACTION BY COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS**

Pharmacists should make patients aware of the recommended 7 day interval (before and after) between administration of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.

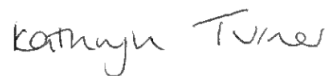
Materials and resources to aid Community Pharmacy when informing the public on the COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 Vaccination Programme will be made available as soon as possible.

If you are providing any vaccination service, please ensure Standard Operating Procedures are updated to reference the latest advice regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine.

For the latest updates and correspondence, please visit <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/3149.htm>

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting the public at this critical time.

Yours sincerely,



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