

To: All Community Pharmacies

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Dear Colleague,

UPDATE - COVID-19 VACCINATION – CO-ADMINISTERING VACCINES TO CARE HOMES

It has recently been announced, frontline care home staff are to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations via Trust mobile units as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme¹. The mobile units are currently in action.

If community pharmacies have any influenza vaccination clinics planned with Care homes or influenza vaccination appointments booked for Care home staff, the following actions are recommended as per HSCB/PHA correspondence (7th December 2020)²:

Action by Community Pharmacists:

- Pharmacists should make care homes aware of the recommended 7 day interval (before and after) between administration of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.
- Pharmacists should liaise with care homes to determine scheduling of COVID-19 vaccination clinics by Trusts.
- Pharmacists should contact care homes **at least the day before** they are due to provide their influenza vaccination clinics to ensure appointments are able to proceed.
- Be aware of the 21 day interval between COVID-19 vaccination doses and arrange pharmacy influenza vaccination clinics around this and in light of the Green Book guidance.

For the latest updates and correspondence, please visit:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/3149.htm>

¹<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/HSS%20MD%2082%202020%20DEPLOYMENT%20OF%20THE%20COVID-19%20VACCINE%20IN%20NORTHERN%20IRELAND.pdf>

²http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/071220_Letter%20to%20CPs_COVID%20Vaccine%20Coadministration.pdf

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

Yours sincerely,

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