

INFLUENZA VACCINE UPDATE

Demand for influenza vaccine has remained high and stock is almost exhausted. The MoH has been able to source 2019/2020 influenza vaccine from the Northern Hemisphere -two strains (A/H1N1 and B/Phuket) match the Southern Hemisphere flu season. A third strain (B/Colorado) is a close match to the B/Washington strain. The fourth strain does not match but may still offer some residual protection.

This vaccine offers protection to patients not eligible for funded vaccine.

The Northern Hemisphere Inluvac Tetra (Saison 2019/2020) is not indicated for use in funded patients. **Save residual stock for funded patients only.**

Saison 2019/2020 vaccine is available to order from today. If you require additional Afluria Quad vaccines and have difficulties with the order, please contact Louise louise@aucklandpho.co.nz

Please find attached the MOH immunisation update and the IMAC information regarding Inluvac Tetra Saison 2019/2020.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC SURVEILLANCE SWABBING OF PRIMARY CARE STAFF

Vouchers have been extended to include this coming weekend (23-24 May) to enable more primary care staff to be tested for COVID-19 if they wish.

Vouchers for GP, Urgent Care and Pharmacy staff will be accepted this weekend regardless of the dates written on the voucher (though updated vouchers are attached).

Practices wishing to test their own staff for asymptomatic staff surveillance activities rather than via the CBACs can do so but must be aware there is no associated funding for this.

Specific instructions for completing the e-notification are attached.

For practices wishing to swab their own staff, a reminder to write the **SURV code** on the lab forms please see example below:

Patient Details/NHI etc.

PROVIDER DETAILS Date: 21 May 2020
 Dr Mouse
 204 Disneyland Road, Auckland
 Phone: 879865 Fax: 087145
 NZMC:55555 Labtests ID: MOUSE
 edi: disney APS Doctor code: MOUSE

Copy To:

Signature: _____ Micky Mouse

Clinical indications: Covid-19 testing.

Healthcare worker. **SURV-GPUC**

Please arrange to have the following tests performed

Swabs Other Nasopharyngeal swab - Covid-19 test

REMINDER \$200.00 VOUCHERS FOR COVID-19 RELATED EQUIPMENT

A voucher to the value of \$200 has been emailed to practice owners/mangers to assist with COVID-19 related equipment – this can include equipment you have bought or intend to buy including Perspex screens for reception areas. On the back of the voucher is a list of reception screen suppliers if you wish to purchase screens. The voucher outlines the process for reimbursement of equipment.

If you have queries about the vouchers, contact Suzanne Le Lievre suzanne@aucklandpho.co.nz

AUCKLAND REGIONAL HEALTHPATHWAYS: PRIMARY CARE ALERT RESPONSE FRAMEWORK IS NOW LIVE

[Auckland Regional HealthPathways Primary Care Alert Response Framework](#)

This resource provides guidance for General Practice at various COVID-19 community impact alert levels.

The pathway contains operational detail on service delivery, communication, human resources, infection control and service priority - with a priority on equity for Māori and Pacific populations.

Updates to this pathway will be made as further information and resources become available.

YOUR HEALTH SUMMARY (SHARED PRIMARY CARE RECORD)

The YHS is in place and ready to load. There will be no cost to general practices and a small amount of funding will be paid to you for the installation. GPs are invited to a zoom meeting to hear more about YHS and what it means for you.

Date: Thursday, 28th May 2020

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Zoom

Key speaker: Dr Daniel Calder – Clinical Director YHS

Topics will include:

- Overview of Your Health Summary
- Questions and Answers

RSVP to priscilla@aucklandpho.co.nz for this zoom meeting and zoom meeting details will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

CME points/certificates will be provided.



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