

**Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director
National Nursing and Midwifery Immunisation Working Group
Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme
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Background

The Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD) in partnership with the National Immunisation Office (NIO) develops the *Medicine Protocol for the administration of the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine to health care workers under Medicine Protocol by registered nurses and registered midwives* on an annual basis.

The Centres of Nurse and Midwifery Education (CNME) deliver education to support the Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme (SIPVP) annually.

Trained Peer to Peer Vaccinators administer the vaccine under the medicine protocol following the completion of an education programme.

COVID-19

This year, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the influenza vaccination campaign is a high national priority. Due to social distancing requirements, it is more challenging for peer vaccinators and occupational health departments to access large numbers of health care workers to deliver the vaccine. For this reason there is a requirement to train larger numbers of peer vaccinators to ensure as many health care workers are vaccinated as safely as possible.

In response to this national priority, the ONMSD Immunisation Education Group agreed that the immunisation education programmes are suitable for online delivery. This does not prohibit individual CNMEs from providing the face to face programme if required.

Online Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme

The online education programme consists of five recorded PowerPoint presentations, which are accessible on HSELand. Appendix 1 outlines how to access the programme on HSELand.

A number of 1-hour Q&A sessions will be held by remote platform in September and October. Those who complete the online education programme will be invited to register to attend one of those sessions. These sessions will be facilitated by representatives from public health medicine, NIO, CNME and ONMSD. Registered attendees will be invited to submit questions in advance of the remote session.

Face to Face Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme

CNMEs that will be providing the Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme face to face can access the educational materials, including the presentations, on the NIO website.

Conclusion

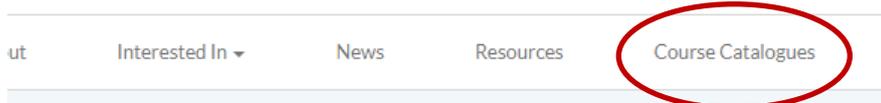
All relevant materials for the education programme, and the influenza vaccination campaign, are accessible at NIO website, see below:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/>

Appendix 1

How to register for Seasonal influenza peer vaccination programme in HSELand

1. Navigate to www.hseland.ie
 - a. If you have an existing account, login using your username and password
 - b. If you do not have an existing account click 'Create Account' and register.
2. Once you have entered into HSELand page go to 'Course Catalogues' at the top of page



3. Click on ONMSD catalogue.



4. Scroll down below the CNME catalogues; the "Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme" will be available under the catalogue content.

Catalogue Content

Results 1 - 1 of 1

Title

[Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme](#)

5. Click on the title of the programme and click enrol button below the appropriate session.
6. Click confirm enrolment
7. Click Launch on the programme

Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme
 Programme, English, Started On 20-Aug-2020 17:27 BST
 This programme is to facilitate health care professionals employed by the HSE to develop and maintain the requisite knowledge, skills and competencies to safely administer the seasonal influenza vaccine according to the annual medicine protocol through the Seas
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 Launch
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8. Click Launch to complete the online programme

Knowledge Centre

Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme
 Programme, English, Started On 20-Aug-2020 17:27 BST In Process
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Go to Current Learning Modules

Active and Completed Modules

Required Modules

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine In Process
 Online, English, Started On 20-Aug-2020 17:27 BST, Required, Rev. 1
 Launch

Elective Modules

Question and Answer session for Peer Flu Vaccination administration Programme Not Started
 Virtual Classroom, English, Enrolled On 20-Aug-2020 17:27 BST, Elective
 Launch Knowledge Centre

Key Reading / Resources

Standard

- Generic Information on Med Protocols
- Medicine Protocol
- Current Issues and Communication

9. Click on Launch below the Question and answer session for joining the Virtual classroom

10. You can access the programme in your learning record if you wish to continue the online programme.