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Re: non-mRNA COVID-19 vaccines

Dear Pamela,

Thank you for your email. I acknowledge and understand your disappointment and dissatisfaction with the lack of availability of Nuvaxovid. I would like to reassure you that the HSE are continuing our efforts to secure a supply of Nuvaxovid for the COVID-19 vaccination programme for winter 2026/2027.

As you are aware, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is preferentially recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) for all those in at-risk groups. The HSE COVID-19 vaccination programme therefore offers an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to all those who are eligible. A small number of people are not able to receive the preferentially recommended mRNA vaccine due to medical contraindications. For those who cannot receive an mRNA vaccine, and for those who choose not to, a protein subunit vaccine, Nuvaxovid, is recommended by NIAC.

Unfortunately, Nuvaxovid is not currently available in Ireland, or in many other countries across Europe. The barriers to vaccine supply are not within the control of the HSE. The HSE has tried strenuously to obtain supplies of Nuvaxovid for winter 2026/2027, and we are continuing our efforts via multiple and various channels. This includes engagement with other countries, in and outside of Europe, and engagement with the vaccine manufacturer.

Last winter, the HSE secured a supply of Nuvaxovid and 173 doses of Nuvaxovid were administered to those who came forward for vaccination. These doses were administered as early as possible following arrival of the vaccine into the country.

Currently, people who require or request a non-mRNA vaccine are being advised to call HSELive at 1800 700 700 to be added to a list to be contacted if/when Nuvaxovid becomes available. This information is available on the HSE website https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccination/

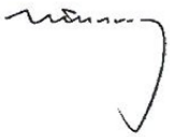
Additionally, while Nuvaxovid is administered in the community via HSE vaccination teams only, we would like to reassure you that information about Nuvaxovid, including information about the current supply challenges and information on where to direct those who request

to receive the vaccine, is also communicated to GPs, Pharmacists and other healthcare professionals via multiple channels. This includes via training materials, clinical webinars and frequently asked question documents for healthcare professionals.

We acknowledge that people who must or who wish to receive Nuvaxovid to give themselves protection against the complications of COVID-19 are unable to do so currently. Again we would like to reassure you that we are working to try to secure stock so that we can offer the vaccine as part of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. As soon as Nuvaxovid is available in Ireland we will communicate with all those on the list, we will update the information on our website for the public, and we will update the relevant healthcare professionals.

Thank you for your engagement,

Yours Sincerely



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