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BY EMAIL

Parents / Carers

From

Kent and Medway Immunisation Team
Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
And
NHSE/PHE

7 November 2019

Dear parent/carers,

Flu vaccination programme

Public Health England (PHE) has informed us of the late deliveries of the nasal spray vaccine for the flu vaccination programme in schools. AstraZeneca, which produces the vaccine (Fluenz Tetra) for the UK, has delayed its delivery of a significant quantity of vaccine that was due to be delivered throughout November. Manufacturing flu vaccines is a complex biological process and this means that production of the vaccine does not always go to plan.

Unfortunately, this means that the flu vaccination session booked at your child's school must be postponed because there is not enough vaccine available until later in the term. We will be in touch to discuss an alternative date for the vaccination session at your school.

Vaccinating children later in the season will still help provide protection for them and their families as flu tends to start circulating in late December/early January.

However, for the small number of children who are at increased risk from flu because of an underlying health condition, such as asthma, diabetes, a heart condition, or who have a weakened immune system, it is important their flu vaccination is not delayed. If your child has an underlying health condition, they will be able to get the vaccine from your GP surgery.

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This link contains more information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/844926/PHE_Flu_vaccinations_for_under_18_flyer.pdf

We realise this is disappointing news and we are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. We will keep you updated on any future developments and would like to thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation. If you have any queries, please email kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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Link to national leaflet

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