

Immunisation Update for Health Care Support Workers

This training is a blended learning programme that consists of 2 MANDATORY components:

- **PRE-WORK (full details below)** – this is an essential part of the training. You will be expected to draw upon this knowledge in the virtual seminar. It is your responsibility to ensure that the pre-work has been satisfactorily completed.
- **INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL SEMINAR (approx. 2.5 hours)** – this session explores and builds upon the content covered in the pre-work. You will be expected to participate in quizzes, case study and scenario discussions with peers so you **MUST** have a working microphone and video functionality. You must also access the seminar on an individual device so that you can participate in the break-out rooms.

During the virtual session, the following areas will be covered:

- current issues in influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal vaccination
- recent epidemiology of influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal disease
- any changes to the recommendations or national policy for influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal immunisation
- update on vaccine administration
- any changes to legislation relevant to vaccination
- anaphylaxis recognition and management
- review of current practice and identification of areas for improvement
- review of support strategies
- Q&A session for commonly encountered problems in practice

Essential Pre-Work

Prior to the virtual session, you **MUST** complete the following pre-work:

- ✓ Read through the most [recent editions of the vaccine update](#)
- ✓ Watch the [immunology for immuniser animations](#) created by the Health Protection Agency

It is expected that **your employer allows you a minimum of ½ day** to complete the pre-work outlined above as this is an integral part of this update, for which knowledge and understanding will be assessed during the virtual session.

As an alternative to this training, you can update using the [Immunisation Update Training Guide](#).