

Antivirals: eligibility and access in 2010

A: Eligibility to receive antivirals from the national reserve stockpile in 2010 Influenza season:

1. Treatment

- People with influenza-like illness (ILI) who are clinically assessed as requiring antivirals, on prescription by an authorised prescriber (or in accordance with standing orders issued by an authorised prescriber)
- People with influenza-like illness who are admitted to hospital
- For public health purposes, as approved by the Medical Officer of Health, including control of outbreaks in high-risk settings.

2. Post-exposure prophylaxis

- Some people who are contacts of people with ILI, based on clinical judgement – not recommended for routine use.
 - Consider for people who are higher risk of severe illness who are close contacts of cases of ILI - consultation with relevant specialist is recommended.
 - Case by case basis for people in high risk situations after discussion with MOH (eg boarding schools, resthomes, healthcare workers).

3. Pre-exposure prophylaxis

- No indication

B: Accessing national stockpile antivirals 2010 influenza season

- Write prescription as usual – no authorisation required this year.
- If prescription is for someone not meeting the eligibility criteria then clearly mark prescription with “not for national reserve supply”
- National stockpile scripts can be filled at most community pharmacies this year.
- The following pharmacies have national stockpile supplies (this list may be updated – information will be sent out by the PHOs).

Victory Square Pharmacy, Nelson	Springlands Pharmacy – Blenheim
Prices Pharmacy – Nelson	Poswillow Pharmacy, Blenheim
The Warehouse Pharmacy - Nelson	The Warehouse, Blenheim
Amcal Hardy Street Pharmacy, Nelson	Picton Healthcare Pharmacy – Picton
Queen Street Pharmacy, Richmond	Queen Charlotte Pharmacy, Picton
McGlashen Pharmacy, Richmond	Marlborough UFS Pharmacy
Richmond Mall Pharmacy, Richmond	Golden Bay Pharmacy – GB
Hurst & Taylor	Mapua Pharmacy
Bay Pharmacy – Motueka	Wakefield Pharmacy
Unichem Pharmacy, Motueka	Amcal Pharmacy, Motueka
Greenwood Pharmacy, Motueka	Bay Pharmacy, Motueka