



Somerset School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2020/21 academic year

Introduction

This information supports local practices in understanding the school aged immunisations programme for the 2020/21 academic year, including any changes to the schedule.

We hope you find this information useful and clear: if you have any comments, suggestions or queries please contact the South West Screening and Immunisations Team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

COVID-19

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and school closures in the first half of 2020, the school aged immunisation provider will be offering catch-up doses of Meningitis ACWY, Td/IPV and HPV during the 2020/21 academic year to those cohorts that missed their scheduled doses in the 2019/20 academic year – see below for further details.

Overview of school aged immunisations

From September 2020, the following immunisations will be delivered by the school aged immunisation provider:

- Influenza: Reception to year 7 in mainstream schools, and reception to 18 years old in special schools
- HPV dose 1: Year 8 girls and boys (and catch-up doses to girls and boys who missed a dose in 2019/20 and are now in year 9)
- HPV dose 2: Year 9 girls and boys (and catch-up doses to girls only who missed a dose in 2019/20 and are now in year 10)
- Men ACWY: Year 9 (and catch-up doses to girls and boys who missed a dose in 2019/20 and are now in year 10)
- Td/IPV: Year 9 (and catch-up doses to girls and boys who missed a dose in 2019/20 and are now in year 10)

Somerset school flu immunisation clinic schedule

The school flu clinic schedule can be accessed here – please note that it is subject to change: <https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saints-school-age-immunisation-team/somerset-school-aged-immunisation-nursing-team-saint/flu-vaccination-programme/>

Please direct any questions about the schedule and how to book to the Somerset school aged immunisation provider on 0300 323 0032.

GP checklist

- Check that all data on immunisations delivered by the school aged immunisation provider that has been sent to you has been uploaded onto your GP practice patient records.**
- Check that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice has been sent to the Child Health (CHIS) team.** This includes any vaccination from the routine schedule given as a travel vaccination. If you are unsure, send it again or contact the Child Health (CHIS) team to discuss this with them.
- This year, you will receive a summary report of any year 11 students who have any routine immunisations outstanding.** These children will receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice. Usually the summary report is for year 10 students, but this letter was not issued in 2019/20. Also, due to COVID-19, year 10 students will be caught-up by the school aged immunisation provider in 2020/21.
- Review how young people are invited for vaccinations at your surgery and whether this meets their needs.** Points to consider:
 - Are the sessions outside of school hours?
 - Can the young people get to your surgery for the appointments?
 - Consider evening or weekend sessions for parents to be able to attend appointments too.
 - Are you sending patient information leaflets (PILs) to ensure young people are aware of what they are being invited for?
 - Are you using text messaging reminders?
- Make sure you are promoting school aged immunisations through leaflets, posters and through links on your website.**

Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are 2 types of flu vaccine available for children in 2020 to 2021 – the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the injected inactivated flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

What is the child’s age?

**under
6 months
of age**

They are too young to have the flu vaccine (this is why it is important that expectant mothers have a flu vaccination. Pregnant women can have the flu vaccine at any stage of their pregnancy)

**6 months
to under
2 years**

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

They should have the injected inactivated flu vaccine (licensed for appropriate age). Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

**2 or 3
years old**

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)⁽ⁱ⁾

**4 to 11 years old
in reception class and in
school years 1-7**

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)⁽ⁱ⁾

**12 to under
18 years**

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

They should have the injected inactivated flu vaccine (licensed for appropriate age): 2 years to 8 years Quadrivalent influenza vaccine egg-grown (QIVe), 9 years and above Quadrivalent influenza vaccine cell-grown (QIVc) or Quadrivalent influenza vaccine egg-grown (QIVe). Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

Yes

No

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated). At-risk children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart⁽ⁱ⁾

(i) Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products such as LAIV, for details on alternative vaccine offer available later in the season see PHE information for healthcare practitioners 'The National Childhood flu Immunisation Programme 2020 to 2021'.

Annual flu programme

www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme

Green Book Chapter 19 Influenza

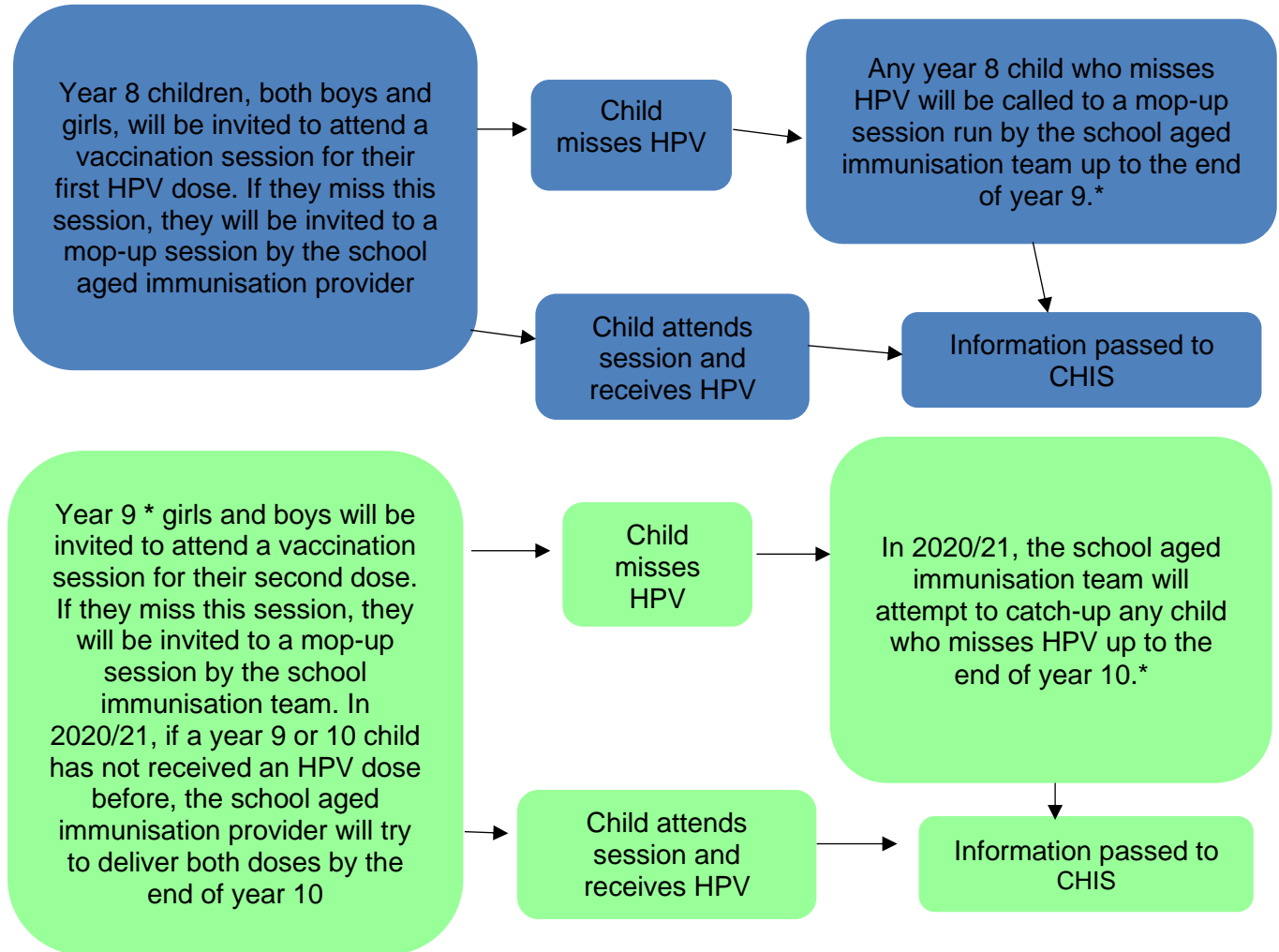
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Vaccination process for HPV

(see page 1 for COVID-19 catch-up cohort details)

The vaccine will be offered to girls and boys in school year 8 (12 to 13-year olds) as part of the school-aged immunisation programme from 1 September 2020.



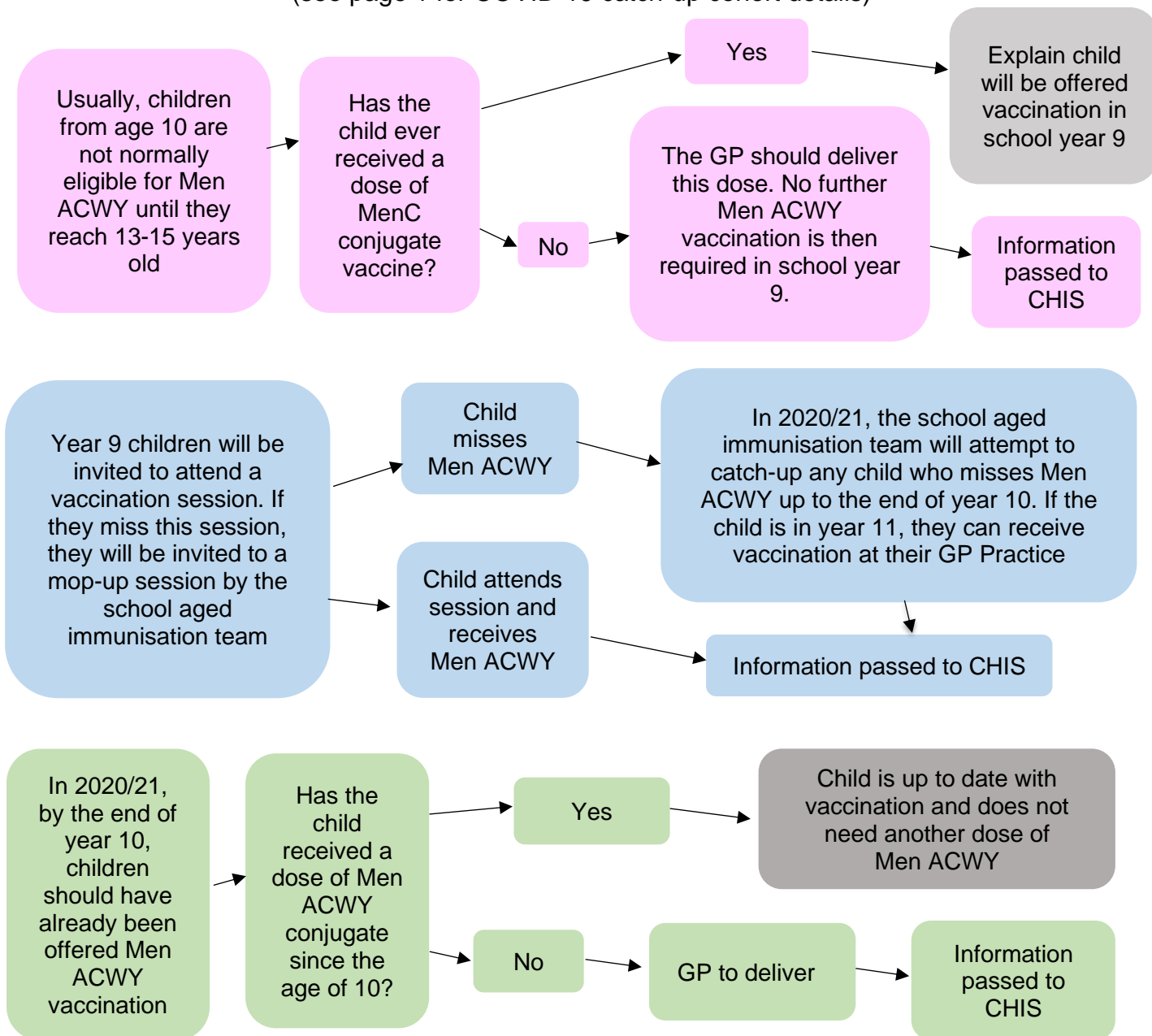
*** In 2020/21, the school aged immunisation provider will deliver any outstanding HPV doses up until the end of year 10. The GP will be responsible for delivery of missed HPV vaccinations in year 11 girls and older.**

Young women from the age of 16 to 24 years and 364 days who have missed their HPV vaccination through the school-based programme are eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge from their GP practice. GP practices will be reimbursed for vaccinations delivered to this cohort.

NOTE: Those starting the vaccination on or after the age of 15 years will require three doses of vaccine to complete the course.

Vaccination Process for Meningitis ACWY

(see page 1 for COVID-19 catch-up cohort details)



Older groups eligible through opportunistic vaccination

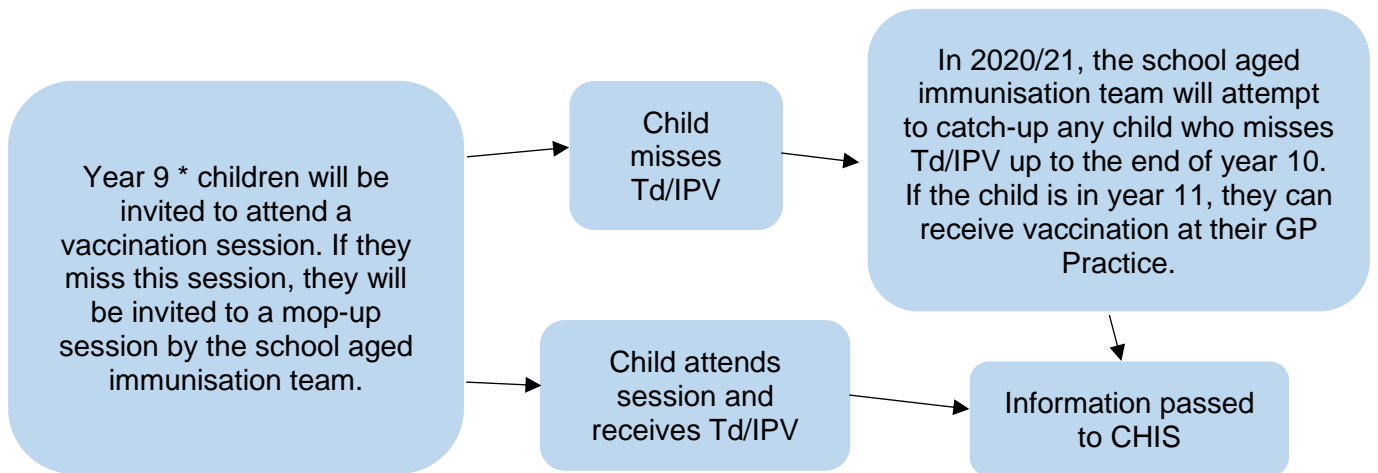
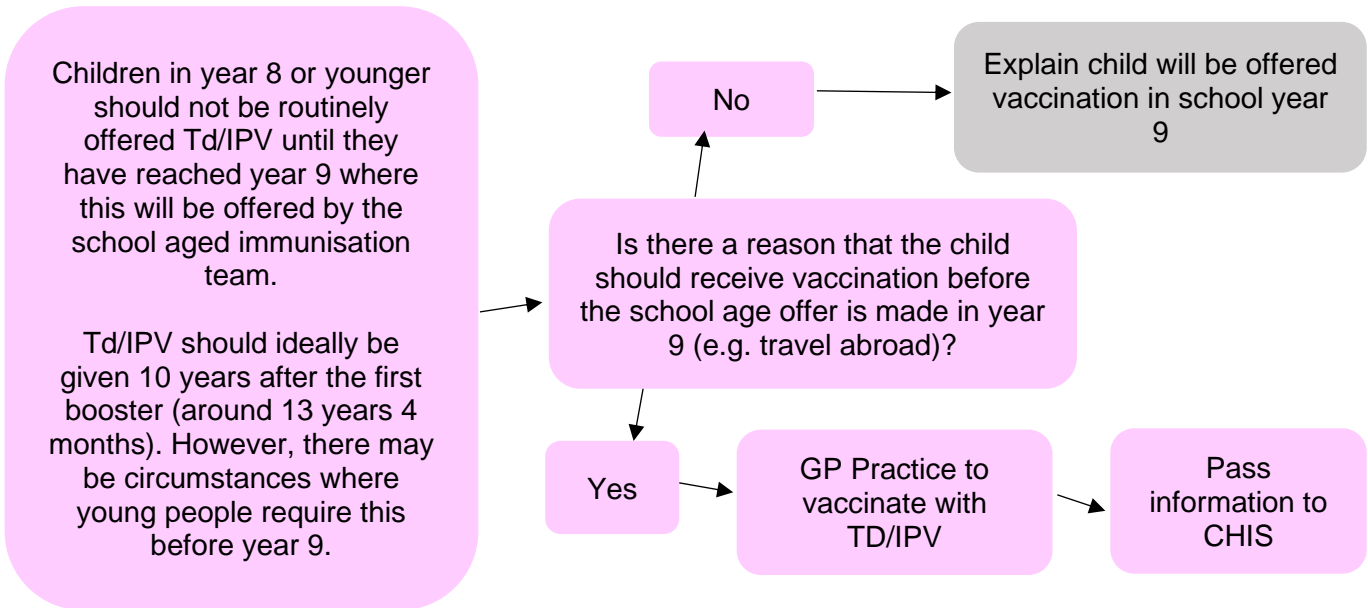
Men ACWY vaccination should be offered by GP practices to eligible young adults aged 17 or older on an opportunistic basis or who self-present at the GP practice; unless immunisation is contraindicated.

Eligible patients must be under the age of 25 years at the time of vaccination and include:

1. those attending university/further education for the first time at the time of vaccination;
2. those aged 19 years on 31 August 2020;
3. those eligible from August 2015 remain eligible up to the day before their 25th birthday;
4. those vaccinated at any time during the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Vaccination Process for Td/IPV (Teenage Booster)

(see page 1 for COVID-19 catch-up cohort details)



*** In 2020/21, the school aged immunisation provider will deliver any outstanding Td/IPV doses up until the end of year 10. The GP will be responsible for opportunistic delivery of missed Td/IPV vaccinations in year 11 children and older.**

Please refer to the [Green Book](#) and the [incomplete vaccination schedule](#) for further information.

Date of births and year groups for 2020/21 academic year

School Year	Date of birth	Age
Reception	01.09.15 – 31.08.16	4 to 5
Year 1	01.09.14 – 31.08.15	5 to 6
Year 2	01.09.13 – 31.08.14	6 to 7
Year 3	01.09.12 - 31.08.13	7 to 8
Year 4	01.09.11 - 31.08.12	8 to 9
Year 5	01.09.10 - 31.08.11	9 to 10
Year 6	01.09.09 – 31.08.10	10 to 11
Year 7	01.09.08 – 31.08.09	11 to 12
Year 8	01.09.07 – 31.08.08	12 to 13
Year 9	01.09.06 – 31.08.07	13 to 14
Year 10	01.09.05 - 31.08.06	14 to 15
Year 11	01.09.04 – 31.08.05	15 to 16
Year 12	01.09.03 - 31.08.04	16 to 17
Year 13	01.09.02 - 31.08.03	17 to 18

Useful contacts

South West Screening and Immunisation Team: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Somerset Child Health Information Service (CHIS):

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
SW CHIS Health Intelligence	The Exchange, Express Park, Bridgwater, TA6 4RN	01278 589225	Email: hil.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net Website: http://www.swchis.co.uk/

Somerset school aged immunisation provider:

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team (Somerset NHS Foundation Trust)	Mallard Court, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgewater, TA6 4RN	0300 323 0032	Email: somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk Website: https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saint-s-school-age-immunisation-team/

Useful links

Training

- [Men B and Men ACWY programmes: a video training guide for healthcare professionals](#) (PHE, last updated September 2015)
- [Immunisation and vaccination training update via e-learning](#) (Skills for Health)

Resources

- [Meningococcal leaflets, consent forms, information for healthcare practitioners and other Men ACWY-specific materials](#) (PHE)
- [Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Programme for Adolescents: Information for healthcare professionals](#) (PHE, last updated June 2020)
- [Men ACWY GP invitation letter template](#) (PHE, last updated August 2016)
- HPV and Men ACWY leaflets and posters, and the immunisations for young people leaflet (which includes information on Td/IPV) can be ordered from: <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>
- [HPV vaccination Information for healthcare practitioners](#) (PHE, June 2019)

Supporting guidance

- [Immunisation against infectious disease \(Green Book\)](#) (PHE, September 2013)
- [Meningitis Research Foundation](#)
- [Meningitis Now](#)

Financial information

- Full vaccination and immunization practice payment information can be found on the [NHS Employers website](#)

Data

- Uptake data for HPV, Men ACWY and Td/IPV for the main cohorts can be found on the [ImmForm website](#)

PGDs

- PGDs can be accessed via the [NHS England South \(South West\) website](#)