Child / Young person Flu Vaccination Eligibility: Key Messages for all Staff

Please could the following messages be shared with all staff (in a team meeting if possible) to ensure that the correct information is available to and being shared by all.

Children and young people who are eligible for, and can be offered a flu vaccine in a GP setting

All two- and three-year olds

From Friday 19 November, a second round of communications will be sent from the national call and recall system to all parents/guardians of eligible children yet to be vaccinated advising them to contact their GP practice to book a flu vaccination appointment. Most parents will receive SMS and email, or a letter and email where a valid mobile phone number is not available. This is in addition to local arrangements, so GP practices should continue with their usual call and recall activity for eligible children.

GP practices should ensure they have ordered sufficient vaccine to vaccinate 2- and 3-year olds with the aim of exceeding the 70% uptake target and achieving at least the levels of uptake achieved in 2020/2021. Vaccine can be ordered through Immform.

Age six months to 18 years and in a at risk category

Please invite all at risk children to be vaccinated as soon as possible. At risk children can receive their vaccination at school OR at their registered GP practice.

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Any child or young person (up to age 18) who is registered as a carer

Please invite all young carers to be vaccinated. Anyone who is in receipt of a carers allowance, a part time carer or the main carer of an older or disabled person, or a young carer, is also eligible for a flu vaccine from their registered GP. For example, a young carer looking after a disabled or vulnerable sibling or parent.

If the carer falls ill the welfare of the person/s they look after may be at risk. It is important carers are protected, so they can continue to give care to those they support and stay healthy throughout flu season.

Children and young people who are NOT eligible for and should NOT be offered a flu vaccine in a GP setting

School Aged Children

If school aged children miss a vaccination in school due to absence, are home educated or decline the nasal flu vaccine due to the porcine gelatine content, they will be vaccinated later at a ‘catch-up session’. Parents of children will be contacted with details of the catch-up clinic they should attend. Should a parent contact a surgery requesting a vaccination, please signpost them to the relevant provider. Please find contact details for providers and each area covered below.
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| Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire | Sirona Care and Health CIC              | Kingswood Locality Hub, Alma Road, Kingswood BS15 4DA 3 Station Road, Pill, BS20 0BA | 01454 863 764 | Email: sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net  
Website: [https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk/nhsservices/services/school-age-flu-vaccination/](https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk/nhsservices/services/school-age-flu-vaccination/) |
| Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon & Wiltshire | Virgin Care Ltd                         | Wiltshire Children’s Community Services, 1st Floor Technology House, Unit 10 High Post Business Park, SP4 6AT | 0300 247 0082 | Email: Vcl.immunisations@nhs.net  
Website: [https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/immunisation-service/](https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/immunisation-service/) |
| Cornwall                                   | Kernow Health CIC                       | 1st Floor Cudmore House Oak Lane Truro TR1 3LP                            | 01872 221105   | Email: kernowhealth.schoolimmunisations@nhs.net  
Website: [https://www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk/primary-care-services/school-immunisations/](https://www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk/primary-care-services/school-immunisations/) |
| Devon                                      | Virgin Care Ltd Devon                   | Immunisation Team, Agricultural House, Pynes Hill, Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 5ST | 0300 247 0082 | Email: Vcl.immunisations@nhs.net  
Website: [https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/immunisation-service/](https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/immunisation-service/) |
| Dorset                                     | Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust | Acorn Building St Leonards Hospital Ringwood Road St Leonards BH24 2DW | 01425 891162  | Email: dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net  
Website: [https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms](https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms) |
| Gloucestershire                            | Gloucestershire                         | Edward Jenner Court, Gloucestershire | 0300 421 8140 | Email: GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk |
| **Somerset** | School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team (Somerset NHS Foundation Trust) | Mallard Court, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4RN | 0300 323 0032 | Email: somersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk  
Website: [https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saints-school-age-immunisation-team](https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saints-school-age-immunisation-team) |