Somerset School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2021/22 academic year
Introduction

This information aims to support local practices in understanding the school aged immunisations programme for the 2021/22 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

During the 2020/21 academic year, due to the impact of COVID-19 and school closures, the school aged immunisation provider offered catch-up doses of MenACWY, Td/IPV and HPV to those cohorts that missed their scheduled doses in the 2019/20 academic year. Recovery activity has now been completed, and the provider will return to business as usual activity for the 2021/22 academic year. Further details are provided below.

Overview of School Aged Immunisations

From September 2021, the following immunisations will be delivered by the school aged immunisation provider:

- Influenza: Reception up to Year 11 in mainstream schools, and reception up to but not including 18 years old in special schools
- HPV dose 1: Year 8 girls and boys
- HPV dose 2: Year 9 girls and boys
- Men ACWY: Year 9
- Td/IPV: Year 9

Somerset school aged 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.

☐ You will receive a summary report of any students with routine immunisations outstanding who are now outside of the school programme. These children will receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice.

☐ 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 and young people have?

There are 3 types of flu vaccine available for children and young people in 2021 to 2022 – the nasal spray live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), the injected inactivated egg grown influenza vaccine (QIVe) and the injected inactivated cell grown influenza vaccine (QIVo). This chart indicates which vaccine they should have.

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**What is the child or young person’s age?**

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<th>Age Range</th>
<th>Vaccine Options</th>
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<td>Under 6 months of age</td>
<td>Are they in an at-risk group?</td>
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<td>Yes: They should have the injected inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine QIVe (egg-grown). Children in this age group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart</td>
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<td>No: They are not eligible for the flu vaccine</td>
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<td>6 months to under 2 years</td>
<td>Is the nasal spray vaccine contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable?</td>
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|                               | Yes: They should have the injected Quadrivalent influenza vaccine cell grown (QIVo)
|                               | No: They should have the nasal spray vaccine       |
| 2 years to less than 16 years of age |
|                               | Are they in an at-risk group?                        |
|                               | Yes: They should have the nasal spray vaccine       |
|                               | No: They are not eligible for the flu vaccine       |
| 16 years to less than 18 years of age |
|                               | Is the nasal spray vaccine contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable? |
|                               | Yes: They should have the nasal spray vaccine       |
|                               | No: They should have the injected Quadrivalent influenza vaccine cell grown (QIVo) |

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**Resources**

- Annual flu programme: [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme)

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(1) Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2021
2) School aged children from Reception Year to Year 6 (aged 4 to 10 years on 31 August 2021). Children outside these age ranges (for example, a child has been held back a year) may be vaccinated with their peers.
3) This season QIVe (and not LAIV) has been provisioned for this group.
4) If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its paracetamol content (and they understand that it is the most effective vaccine for children), they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. QIVe is available to order from Immunoflui for these children.
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 2021.

Any year 8 child who misses HPV will be called to a mop-up session run by the school aged immunisation team.

Information passed to CHIS

Year 8 children, both boys and girls will be invited to attend a vaccination session for their first HPV dose. If they miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school aged immunisation provider.

Child attends session and receives HPV

For the 2021/22 academic year, the SAI provider will continue to catch up the 2020/21 cohort (current Year 10 students) who have an outstanding second HPV dose, in schools. These students may choose to access this vaccination from their GP instead. In this instance, please ensure records are updated as soon as possible to prevent double vaccinations.

GP practices can provide HPV vaccinations to adolescent girls and boys who have attained the age of 14 years but who have not attained the age of 25 years who have missed vaccination under the schools programme. Please note that vaccination of boys commenced in 2019/20 without a catch-up programme, therefore GPs should only vaccinate boys born on or after 1st September 2006.

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

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 2021;
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 2021 to 31 March 2022.
Vaccination Process for Td/IPV (Teenage Booster)

Children in year 8 or younger should not be routinely offered Td/IPV until they have reached year 9 where this will be offered by the school aged immunisation team.

Td/IPV should ideally be given 10 years after the first booster (around 13 years 4 months). However, there may be circumstances where young people require this before year 9.

Is there a reason that the child should receive vaccination before the school age offer is made in year 9 (e.g. travel abroad)?

Yes
- GP Practice to vaccinate with Td/IPV
- Pass information to CHIS

No
- Explain child will be offered vaccination in school year 9

Year 9 children will be invited to attend a vaccination session. If they miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school aged immunisation team.

Child misses Td/IPV

Child attends session and receives Td/IPV
- Information passed to CHIS

The school aged immunisation team will attempt to catch-up any child who misses Td/IPV up to the end of year 9. If the child is in year 10 they can receive vaccination at their GP Practice.

The GP will be responsible for opportunistic delivery of missed Td/IPV vaccinations in year 10 children and older.

Please refer to the Green Book and the incomplete vaccination schedule for further information.
### Date of births and year groups for 2021/22 academic year

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<td>01.09.07 – 31.08.08</td>
<td>13 to 14</td>
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<td>01.09.06 - 31.08.07</td>
<td>14 to 15</td>
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<td>15 to 16</td>
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Useful Contacts

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

Somerset Child Health Information Service (CHIS):

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<tr>
<td>SW CHIS Health Intelligence</td>
<td>The Exchange, Express Park, Bridgwater, TA6 4RN</td>
<td>01278 589225</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:hil.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net">hil.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net</a></td>
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<td>School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team (Somerset NHS Foundation Trust)</td>
<td>Lower Bracken House, Chard Hospital, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1YA</td>
<td>0300 323 0032</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk">somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk</a></td>
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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
Somerset School Flu Immunisation Clinic Schedule 2021/22

Please get in touch with the School Aged Immunisation Provider, using the contact information provided on page 9, for the most up to date information on flu clinics.