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NHS Vaccination Programme (MMR) – UKHSA letter on preparing for a measles resurgence

Please find attached a letter produced by UKHSA, co-signed by Dr Steve Powis, to offer guidance to NHS Trusts, Primary Care and professional organisations on preparation for potential measles outbreaks. There has been a steady rise in measles cases this year, therefore this letter asks NHS systems to focus on how to reduce the spread and disseminate information on increasing the MMR uptake in all regions to support achievement of the national standard.
Monthly ImmForm update for flu SROs / GPs

This is a reminder about the first flu monthly data upload for the 2023/24 season.

Unfortunately there has been an issue with the largest GP IT supplier and they have been unable to provide UKHSA with data via the automated extract that was due to end yesterday. This has meant that there has had to be a delay in the opening of the manual submission as any automatic data provided by the IT supplier would have overwritten the manual submission.

With this, we are aware that a large number of South West practices will not have had an automatic upload for this monthly submission - practices are reminded to check that the automatic upload was completed.

In case of an unsuccessful automatic upload, practices will need to undertake manual upload of the data.

We have been informed that the manual submission is due to be opened either later today or, at the latest, Monday mid-afternoon. Please note that the submission deadline has not changed, the deadline is midnight Thursday 16th November 2023.

Please note you should check both the main and child collections as you may be required to upload manually for one or both collections.

This is part of the service specification and is mandatory for all practices who have signed up to deliver flu vaccinations this season. You will need to be registered with ImmForm to submit data.
Please see attached guidance on the ImmForm registration and how to manually upload monthly flu data.

For your information the collection schedule is as follows:

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Please get in touch if you have any questions. For any questions which relate to your Immform registration or technical issues etc. please contact the Immform Helpdesk - 0207 183 8580 or email Helpdesk@immform.org.uk
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NEW: Rising 5’s COVID-19 Vaccination

Please see below wording agreed by the UKHSA regarding the vaccination of children who have turned 5 years old, but started the course under 5 and had a 3-microgram dose of vaccine:

Eligible children aged 6 months to 4 years who have commenced primary immunisation with Pfizer BioNTech Comirnaty 3 micrograms/dose vaccine but have their 5th birthday before their second primary dose is due (after a minimum interval of 3 months) should ideally complete vaccination with the Comirnaty 3 micrograms/dose vaccine (this is a licensed indication), but a dose of a Comirnaty 10 micrograms/dose vaccine is a suitable alternative (and is licensed from age 5 years irrespective of prior COVID-19 vaccination history). Vaccination should not be unnecessarily delayed in order to provide a Comirnaty 3 micrograms/dose vaccine.

UPDATED: ‘Which COVID-19 Vaccine?’ Poster

The UKHSA ‘Which COVID-19 Vaccine?’ poster has been updated for the Autumn / Winter programme and was published on 3rd November. The poster can be accessed at Which COVID-19 vaccine? (publishing.service.gov.uk).

Please make sure that the updated poster is displayed in your vaccination areas and that any previous editions or alternative vaccine posters (such as the Vaccine Quick Reference Guide produced by the NHSE SW team) are removed.
If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at england.swvast@nhs.net. Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website here. Please note that if there are no items for your information a Bulletin will not be circulated.