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Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) National Call/Recall Advance Notice

Practices are advised that the national MMR call/recall to support the 2023/24 vaccination and immunisation campaign will be taking place throughout February and March 2024.

This is the second phase of the national catch-up campaign, building on the activities practices already undertaking from November 2023 to call and recall eligible individuals aged 12 months up to and including 5 years.

The national MMR vaccination reminders will be sent to the parents/guardians of children aged 6-11 years who require one or two doses of the vaccine, as follows:

- w/c 5 February – national call for 6-11 year olds
- w/c 11 March – national recall for 6-11 year olds

As far as possible, MMR reminders will be received by patients on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Practices should prepare to receive enquiries from their registered patients during February and March 2024 who have received a national MMR vaccination reminder, and should check immunisation records, book, and administer vaccination, if clinically appropriate. [Further information on the practice role in support of national MMR call and recall is available in Annex A here.](#) Updates including dates and detailed of how to access a GP Practice Dashboard will come out via the national Primary Care Bulletin: [Click here for a copy of the latest bulletin and to subscribe at the bottom of the screen.](#)

A UKHSA measles comms toolkit 2024, and a guide to available MMR and measles publications and comms resources, are attached to this email. Please note that in London and the West Midlands only, the national call/recall will also include 11-25 year olds.

Also attached is a Practice Nurse resource (MMR Call and Recall PNs PowerPoint document) to support the planning and response to patient contact resulting from the upcoming MMR Call and Recall. This resource has been disseminated via Practice Nurse networks to 62 General Practice Nursing Leads across the 42 systems, including: Lead GPNs in PCNs, ICB Nurse Leads, Regional Nursing Workforce Leads, Nurse Partners and Nurse Clinical Directors.

For further information about the MMR vaccine, please visit: [Measles: the green book, chapter 21 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\).](#)

COVID-19:

Reminder: Final vaccine ordering date for Autumn / Winter 2023/24 campaign

The Autumn / Winter 2023/24 COVID-19 vaccination campaign is ending on 31 January 2024. This means that sites can continue to vaccinate eligible people up to and including this date.

The last date that a site can order vaccine via the Supply Planner Exception Process is **Friday 26 January 2024**, with delivery on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

Please note that this information is solely for the Autumn / Winter vaccination campaign that ends on 31 January 2024.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any questions or feedback about this bulletin, please contact the SW Vaccination & Screening Team at england.swvast@nhs.net. Back issues are available [here](#).
- For advice about Section 7A or COVID-19 vaccinations, or for support following an immunisation incident, please contact ICARS at england.swicars@nhs.net. For more information, please click [here](#).
- For general enquiries, screening related matters or Section 7A public health contracts, please contact england.swvast@nhs.net or [visit our website](#).
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