



SCHOOL AGE IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2020

We would like to introduce you to our new School Age Immunisation Service.



A new School-Age Immunisation (SAI) Service launches next month

A team of 40 staff comprising of fully qualified nurses with immunisation experience and knowledge, Health Care support workers and administrators providing childhood vaccines to children and young people across Hampshire.

The service, which was previously part of the school nursing role, is now a dedicated, stand-alone service offering the increased provision of immunisations to children (aged 4-16) across all Hampshire schools, including those who are home educated. The team will also continue to provide a service to all pupils in special schools, and we are now extending this to provide certain immunisations up to 25years old.

Covid-19 and restoration of school-age immunisation programme

Deputy Director of Children and Family Services, Ginny Taylor from Southern Health Foundation Trust (SHFT) sent a letter to all schools to inform them and parents of the delay in the teenage programme from the 23 March 2020.

South Health Foundation Trust is pleased to say that since early June, following national guidance, the School-age immunisation (SAI) service has been working with schools and community venues to re-instate the service.

As you can see in the pictures above, we have been very creative in our delivery!

How we are currently operating within Government guidelines

Appointments will be allocated for each clinic to ensure there is a limited number of children present at any one time. Parents will receive an email giving them information detailing the appointment time and venue including instructions for when they arrive.

They will be advised not to attend if they or a member of the family becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms.

You can be reassured that the SAI team will be adhering to infection control policy and guidance to wearing PPE, whilst maintaining social distancing at all sessions. Staff have hand wash facilities in place which includes the use of hand gel and each workstation will be cleaned before the session starts, after each vaccination and closing at the end.

To contact us for more information:

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New e-consent service coming in September

Up until now, consent for all vaccines within the School-age immunisation programme has been gained from parents using paper consent forms.

SHFT are pleased to inform you that we are implementing an electronic consent process. There will be an initial trial for the HPV programme and plan to have it up and running in all Hampshire schools from September 2020. This will include the Flu vaccination for approximately 128,000 pupils from Reception to year 7. The electronic consent process will involve you accessing a link via a letter sent out through parent-mail from your school.

You will be given a unique link and code to complete the required information, which will then be managed by our service. This will make it easier for you to provide consent for your child to receive their vaccinations.

If you have any difficulties in completing the online e-consent form, please contact us on the details provided on your letter.

Did you know?

The overall aim of national immunisation programmes is to protect the population from vaccine-preventable illnesses and reduce the associated morbidity and mortality. This includes reducing the risk of individuals becoming a source of infection to others, particularly those who cannot be vaccinated either because they are too young or for medical reasons. Immunisation is a highly cost-effective healthcare intervention which is estimated to save approximately three million lives a year worldwide. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease, complications and possible early death among individuals and to protecting the population's health through both individual and herd immunity.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>
 Or
<https://vk.ovg.ox.ac.uk/vk/>

The School-age immunisation programme schedule is:

Age immunisation due	Time of year given	Name of vaccine	Disease protects against	Where given
4-12y (YR – Y7) (offered up to age 25y in special schools)	Oct - Dec	LAIV (Live attenuated Intranasal Flu vaccine)	Seasonal Flu	Spray to nose
12-13y (Y8 & 9) (offered up to age 25y in special schools)	Summer term (April – July) Dose 1 Y8 Dose 2 Y9	HPV (Human Papillomavirus vaccine)	Cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) types 16 & 18 (and genital warts caused by types 6 & 11)	Upper arm
14-15y (Y9) (offered up to age 25y in special schools)	Spring term (Jan – March)	Td/IPV & MenACWY	Tetanus; Diphtheria; Polio and Meningitis types ACWY	Upper arm
At each of these points any outstanding childhood vaccines will be offered especially MMR	Throughout school year	MMR Pre-school booster of childhood vaccines	Measles; Mumps and Rubella	Upper arm

Reminder:

Please make sure that all immunisations are given at the correct time ensuring that all childhood vaccines including 2 doses of Measles; Mumps and Rubella (MMR) are all completed before starting school. If you are unsure about what vaccines your child has already received or requires, please contact your GP.

Moving forward from September:

From September we are hoping that our service will be back to normal schedule. As precautions around Covid-19 will still be in place we are looking at ways where we can continue to work with schools; parents and partners. From the new school term, we will deliver the seasonal Flu vaccination as planned, which has now been extended to include all pupils in year 7.

The 2 public health interventions that have the greatest impact on the world are clean water and vaccinations. Vaccination is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting people against harmful diseases.

Source: World Health Organisation