

Health Protection Update – June 2023

Measles

You may have seen recent press reports regarding the national increase in measles cases. Vaccination is still the biggest defence against this (and other diseases), the link below is from a press release from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)- you may wish to share this with staff and parents

[Parents urged to check children's MMR vaccine records following rise in measles cases - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-urged-to-check-childrens-mmr-vaccine-records-following-rise-in-measles-cases)

Whilst the vaccination rate in North Yorkshire is higher than other areas, we are seeing a decline in all immunisations, and we are currently below the 95% rate that is required for herd immunity.

The Yorkshire and Humber Integrated Care Board (ICB) are planning a major campaign to promote the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) immunisation over the next few months. We will share this with you once available.

As you are now nearing the end of the summer term and getting ready to receive new starters or send young people off to new settings, we would be grateful if you could share the information contained in the following link with parents.

[Immunisations: resources for nurseries and schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/resources-for-nurseries-and-schools)

Please encourage your staff to check that all their vaccinations are up to date. Anyone who is unsure should contact their GP.

School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS)

Thank you for supporting this service over the year.

The service provider is changing for 2023/24 which will mean some changes to the way you provide information to parents and the service provider.

Please watch out for communications that will come directly to you from the new provider – Vaccinations UK.

Annual Flu Vaccination 2023/24

The government has announced the flu plans for the 2023/24 season.

Vaccinations in school will be offered to all primary age children – Reception through to year 6.

A UKHSA briefing for primary schools can be accessed from the link below.

[Flu vaccination 2023 to 2024 Programme briefing for primary schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/resources-for-primary-schools)

For secondary age children, vaccination will be offered to years 7,8,9,10,11 and will include home schooled and others not in mainstream education.

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Warm Weather Advice

As we are starting to see more episodes of warm weather, the government has issued advice for educational setting which can be found here:

[Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Reporting Infectious Diseases

Please remember that you do need to report incidents of some infectious diseases to the UKHSA Health Protection Team. The document below will guide you on how and when to do this.

[Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Guidance

The CYPInfo site has a large amount of health information that you can refer to at any time.

[Health of Children and Young People | CYPInfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

There are several government publications that will help you manage and report infections in your setting including a clear exclusion table that allows you to quickly identify which infections mean children should stay at home.

[HPECS guidance Exclusion table.pdf](#)

[What infections are, how they are transmitted and those at higher risk of infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Preventing and controlling infections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Supporting immunisation programmes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Managing specific infectious diseases: A to Z - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Specific educational settings and populations: additional health protection considerations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Children and young people settings: tools and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Early Years \(e-bug.eu\)](#)

Reporting and Contact Details

If you need to report any outbreaks, please use the contacts below:

UKHSA Health Protection Team Yorkshire and Humber:

0113 386 0300 – 9am-5pm Mon-Fri

0151 909 1219 – out of hours advice

Public Health Team at North Yorkshire Council - if you need additional support after you have spoken to the HPT you can email dph@northyorks.gov.uk

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