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|  | **Please cascade to ALL staff, including GPs, Practice Nurses and Reception Staff** | COVID-19 update  1. **Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity**   Guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity. Updates have been made to the main guidance attachment, in particular to the ‘Emergency public health powers’ section. The format of the attachment has also been changed to ensure it’s accessible. 3 new attachments have been added to the page: additional guidance, annex A and an easy read. *(Updated 29th May)* Access document [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity?utm_source=abad9f58-3f2c-47bf-9ebb-7dfda2ef3644&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)   1. **COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable**   Information for shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19. *(Updated 29th May)* Access document [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19?utm_source=feeaea39-0d0c-40a5-ae7f-0edaafaad1ff&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)   1. **National COVID-19 surveillance reports**   [Week 24 and infographic](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-covid-19-surveillance-reports?utm_source=b179b93b-fc0d-4746-9f86-cc97353c1ec1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)  National COVID-19 surveillance reports, including weekly summary of findings monitored through various COVID-19 surveillance systems.   1. **Restoration of school aged immunisations**   We have been informed by the national Immunisation Task and Finish group that they have agreed to recover and restore school aged immunisation programmes, where this is practically possible.  The Public Health Commissioning Team are working with our school aged immunisation providers to restore the school aged immunisation programmes whilst adhering to all social distancing and Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) measures, to ensure the safety of all staff and those eligible for immunisation. |  |
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|  | Technical advice to HCPs on immunisation for COVID-19 The technical guidance on maintaining immunisations has been updated.   Immunisation updatePre-school vaccinations [Pre-school vaccinations: guide to vaccinations from 2 to 5 years](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-school-vaccinations-a-guide-to-vaccinations-from-2-to-5-years?utm_source=d9eee381-c966-49c6-a342-8f4cf9ab05f7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)  Details of immunisations for children between 2 and 5 years, before they start school. Updated with 2020 schedule and removed schedule for babies born up to and including 31 December 2019. Immunisations at one year of age [Immunisations at one year of age](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-between-12-and-13-months-of-age?utm_source=0a8929fa-4cd9-46f9-ac19-0b8e4dea0a75&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) A leaflet to remind you to get your child immunised at one year of age. Updated to remove Immunisations at one year of age (babies born up to and including 31 December 2019). Immunisations: babies up to 13 months of age [Immunisations: babies up to 13 months of age](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-immunisations-for-babies-up-to-13-months-of-age?utm_source=6a63f025-6c03-47be-8048-3fdd8903f934&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) - This booklet covers all immunisations for babies during their first year of life. Updated to remove ‘A guide to immunisations up to one year of age (born up to and including 31 December 2019)’ document. Influenza vaccine 2020/21: ovalbumin content [Influenza vaccine: ovalbumin content](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccine-ovalbumin-content?utm_source=6ca03783-0545-4a58-b4d9-fbf6a6904dc5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) - Data on the ovalbumin content of the influenza vaccines for the 2020 to 2021 flu season. Screening updateDiabetic eye screening [Diabetic eye screening: easy read guide](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/diabetic-eye-screening-easy-read-guide?utm_source=3452d0e1-cbca-4348-8fdf-777c63c99592&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) - An easy to read leaflet explaining diabetic eye screening (DES). A link has been added to the easy read version of the diabetic eye screening invitation letter template. AAA Screening [Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening: easy guide](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/abdominal-aortic-aneurysm-screening-easy-guide?utm_source=9cd6fb3f-7205-470b-8121-dff532b5e2ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) - An easy read leaflet about abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening for people with learning disabilities. A link has been added to the easy read version of the AAA screening invitation letter template Cervical Screening update *The following information was issued via the NHS COVID - 19 primary Care Bulletin, 9th June*  To support GP practices to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the intervals at which invitation and reminder letters are issued for the NHS Cervical Screening Programme were extended. As a result, invitations have been issued 12 weeks (rather than the usual 4 weeks) after Prior Notification Lists were sent to GP practices and reminder letters have been sent 30 weeks after the initial invite, rather than the usual 18 weeks.  Intervals for invitation and reminder letters have now begun to return to normal.  Therefore, you should expect to start receiving more requests for appointments and should ensure that appointments are offered to women who are eligible and due to be screened. If practices need any advice, please talk to your NHS England and NHS Improvement regional public health team.  [Further guidance is available on FutureNHS](https://generalpracticebulletin.cmail19.com/t/d-l-mhkhkyd-jujdjlttkd-c/). General Public Health InformationHeatwave Plan for England The Heatwave Plan for England remains unchanged for Summer 2020. Additional actions may be needed due to COVID-19 and specific resources are available – [click for more information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england?utm_source=1378c8e5-82f8-494b-bd04-9bda7349f31a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)  Changes made: Leaflet, flyer, posters and hyperlinks in Heatwave Plan updated. Additional hot weather and COVID-19 specific resources added. West Yorkshire SIT updateNew dates for Vaccination and Immunisation New Starter and update training We are pleased to announce a number of new dates for the Vaccination & Immunisation update (VIMS) training and the Vaccination & Immunisation training for new starters (VINS).  If you would like to book onto the training, please see information in the attached flyers for your chosen course and click on the “apply now” link at the bottom of the document.  Due to the rapid changes and impact of COVID-19 on delivery of the scheduled courses, these will take place via a live interactive learning session over Microsoft Teams.  **Upcoming VIMs sessions:**   * 7th July 2020 (pm) 12:30 – 16:00   **Upcoming VINs sessions:**   * 26th June 2020 (full day course – 9:30 – 16:00) * 15th July 2020 (full day course – 9:30 – 16:00)   MS Teams is currently free to download, your computer will ideally need to access/view the PowerPoint as the presentation will be shared, questions can be posted during the session and will be addressed live where possible.  If you have any queries, please contact Matt Greenwood at Leeds Beckett University on [shc-cpd@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:shc-cpd@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)       'Vaccines are vital' - MRF campaign launch 18 June 2020 The Meningitis Research Foundation (MRF) is launching a new campaign – **‘Vaccines are vital’**. MRF has launched the campaign to help combat growing concern that the COVID-19 pandemic could threaten global immunisation uptake. MRF is encouraging everyone, everywhere, to take up the routine vaccinations available to them.  The World Health Organization (WHO) stated in mid-April 2020 that routine vaccinations should continue despite lockdown measures. In the UK, this was reiterated by Public Health England, the Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Director of NHS Wales, and the Scottish Government.  This is in response to MRF receiving calls to their helpline from parents concerned about getting routine immunisations. They hope the campaign will help to remind people about the importance of vaccines, and counter some of the conspiracy theory messaging that are currently online.  Anything you can do to support the campaign will be much appreciated. Social graphics, a video and suggested copy can be found [here](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15YtxvAQkBTn5obXRbxJfZgZBIfmAKyHd?usp=sharing)  The MenB vaccine is now routinely given to babies in the UK and Ireland at 2, 4 and 12 months.  **Health Protection Team Contact Details**  you will appreciate, due to the current Coronavirus the YH HPT are extremely busy. Queries relating to the routine/national vaccination and immunisation programmes should be primarily directed to your local SIT team. Any calls received by the HPT  will be taken by Business Support staff who will in the first instance direct you to the [Green Book](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book). If concerns remain, they will forward your query to the relevant SIT team or Health Protection Practitioner, who will respond as soon as possible.  Health Protection Team now operate an Acute Response Centre (ARC) To contact them dial 0113 3860 300.  **If you need to notify the Y&H HPT of a communicable/infectious disease**  Please use the secure link [here](https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m4KJl8mMH) to make a notification.  For some infections, public health measures to prevent onward spread of the disease need to be taken immediately.  For urgent notifications please ring 0113 386 0300 (available out of hours also). To check if a notification is urgent please click [here](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/820133/PHE_Notifiable_diseases_poster_HPT.pdf)  **Our Contact Details** |  |  |
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