

# Somerset School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2021/22 academic year

## Introduction

This information aims to support local practices in understanding the school aged immunisations programme for the 2021/22 academic year, including any changes to the schedule. We hope you find this information useful and clear: if you have any comments, suggestions or queries please contact the South West Screening and Immunisations Team on [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net).

## COVID-19

During the 2020/21 academic year, due to the impact of COVID-19 and school closures, the school aged immunisation provider offered catch-up doses of MenACWY, Td/IPV and HPV to those cohorts that missed their scheduled doses in the 2019/20 academic year. Recovery activity has now been completed, and the provider will return to business as usual activity for the 2021/22 academic year. Further details are provided below.

## Overview of School Aged Immunisations

From September 2021, the following immunisations will be delivered by the school aged immunisation provider:

- Influenza: Reception up to Year 11 in mainstream schools, and reception up to but not including 18 years old in special schools
- HPV dose 1: Year 8 girls and boys
- HPV dose 2: Year 9 girls and boys
- Men ACWY: Year 9 girls and boys
- Td/IPV: Year 9 girls and boys

## Somerset school aged immunisation flu clinic schedule

Details on how to access the school flu clinic schedule are available at the end of the document.

## GP Checklist

- ☐ **Check that all data on immunisations delivered by the school aged immunisation provider that has been sent to you has been uploaded onto your GP practice patient records.**
- ☐ **Check that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice has been sent to the Child Health (CHIS) team.** This includes any vaccination from the routine schedule given as a travel vaccination. If you are unsure, send it again or contact the Child Health (CHIS) team to discuss this with them.
- ☐ **You will receive a summary report of any students with routine immunisations outstanding who are now outside of the school programme.** These children will receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice.
- ☐ **Review how young people are invited for vaccinations at your surgery and whether this meets their needs. Points to consider:**
  - Are the sessions outside of school hours?
  - Can the young people get to your surgery for the appointments?
  - Consider evening or weekend sessions for parents to be able to attend appointments too.
  - Are you sending patient information leaflets (PILs) to ensure young people are aware of what they are being invited for?
  - Are you using text messaging reminders?
- ☐ **Make sure you are promoting school aged immunisations through leaflets, posters and through links on your website.**

# Which flu vaccine should children and young people have?

There are 3 types of flu vaccine available for children and young people in 2021 to 2022 – the nasal spray live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), the injected inactivated egg grown influenza vaccine (QIVe) and the injected inactivated cell grown influenza vaccine (QIVc). This chart indicates which vaccine they should have.

## What is the child or young person's age?

### under 6 months of age

Under 6 months of age they are too young to have the flu vaccine (this is why it is important that expectant mothers have a flu vaccination; pregnant women can have the flu vaccine at any stage of their pregnancy)

### 6 months to under 2 years

Are they in an at-risk group?

**Yes**

They should have the injected inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine QIVe (egg-grown). Children in this age group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

**No**

They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

### 2 years to less than 16 years of age<sup>(i)</sup>

Reception class to school year 11

Is the nasal spray vaccine contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable?

**Yes**

They should have the injected Quadrivalent influenza vaccine cell grown (QIVc)<sup>(ii)(iii)</sup>. Children aged up to 9 years in an at-risk group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses 4 weeks apart

**No**

They should have the nasal spray vaccine

### 16 years to less than 18 years of age

Are they in an at-risk group?

**Yes**

Is the nasal spray vaccine contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable?<sup>(iii)</sup>

**Yes**

They should have the injected Quadrivalent influenza vaccine cell-grown (QIVc)

**No**

They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

**No**

They should have the nasal spray vaccine

- (i) • Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2021  
• School aged children from Reception Year up to Year 11 (aged 4 to 15 years on 31 August 2021). Children outside these age ranges (for example, a child has been held back a year) may be vaccinated with their peers  
(ii) This season QIVc (and not QIVe) has been procured for this group  
(iii) If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its porcine gelatine content (and they understand that it is the most effective vaccine for children), they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. QIVc is available to order from ImmForm for these children

## Resources

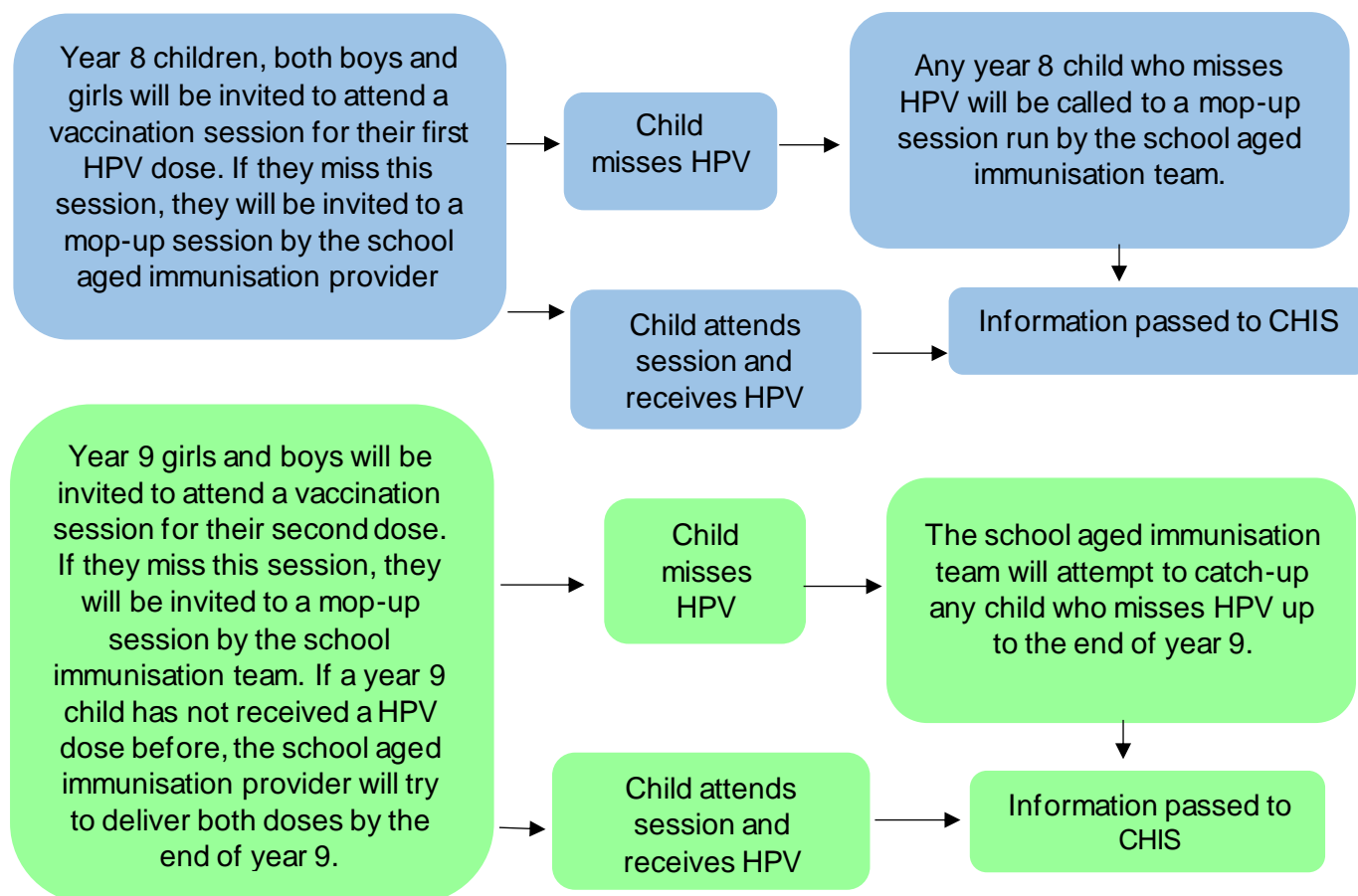
Annual flu programme  
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Green Book Influenza Chapter 19  
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## Vaccination process for HPV

The vaccine will be offered to girls and boys in school year 8 (12 to 13-year olds) as part of the school-aged immunisation programme from 1 September 2021.

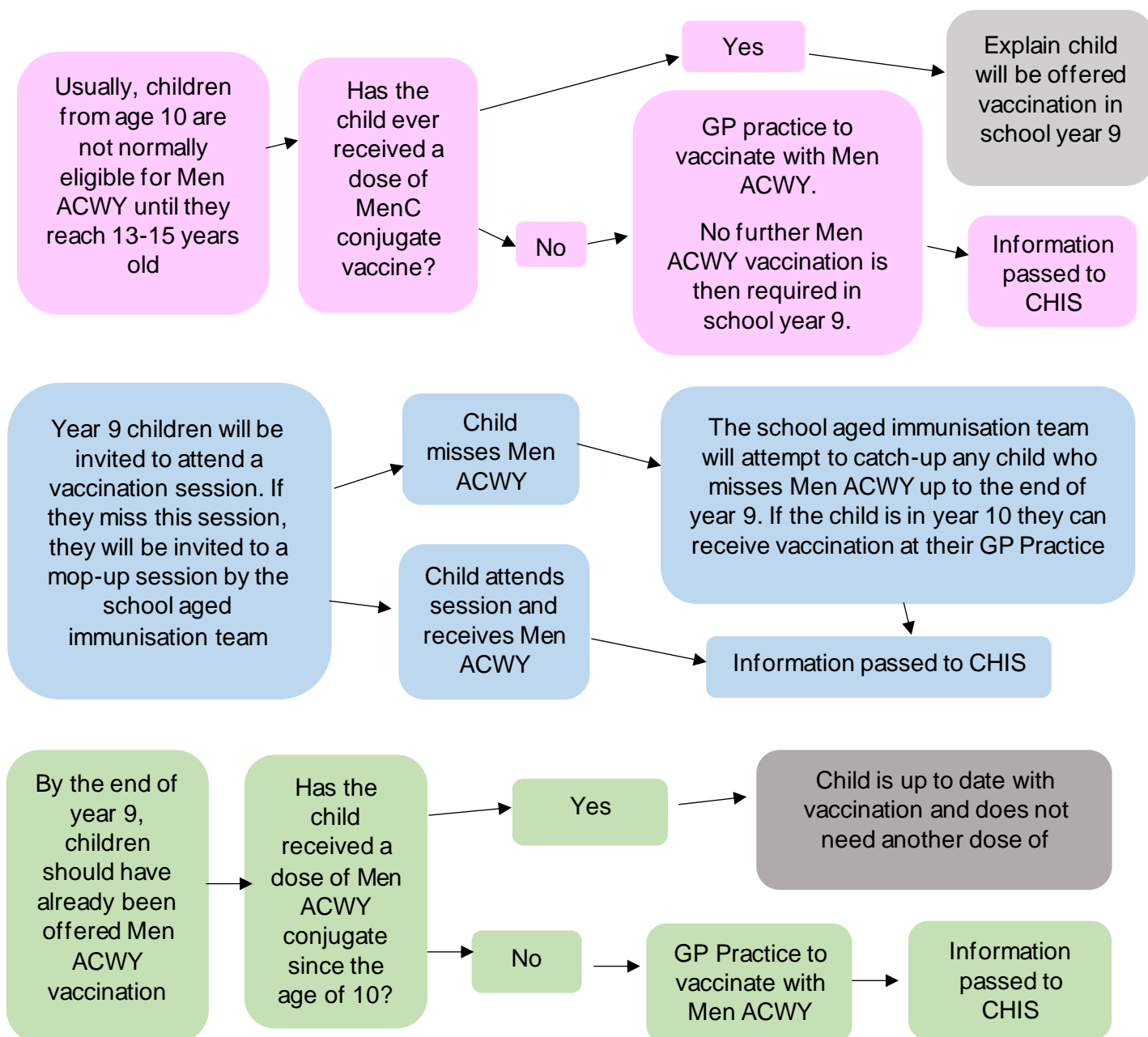


**For the 2021/22 academic year, the SAI provider will continue to catch up the 2020/21 cohort (current Year 10 students) who have an outstanding second HPV dose, in schools. These students may choose to access this vaccination from their GP instead. In this instance, please ensure records are updated as soon as possible to prevent double vaccinations.**

GP practices can provide HPV vaccinations to adolescent girls and boys who have attained the age of 14 years but who have not attained the age of 25 years who have missed vaccination under the schools programme. Please note that vaccination of boys commenced in 2019/20 without a catch-up programme, therefore GPs should only vaccinate boys born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006.

**NOTE: Those starting the vaccination on or after the age of 15 years will require three doses of vaccine to complete the course.**

# Vaccination Process for Meningitis ACWY



## Older groups eligible through opportunistic vaccination

Men ACWY vaccination should be offered by GP practices to eligible young adults aged 17 or older on an opportunistic basis or who self-present at the GP practice; unless immunisation is contraindicated.

Eligible patients must be under the age of 25 years at the time of vaccination and include:

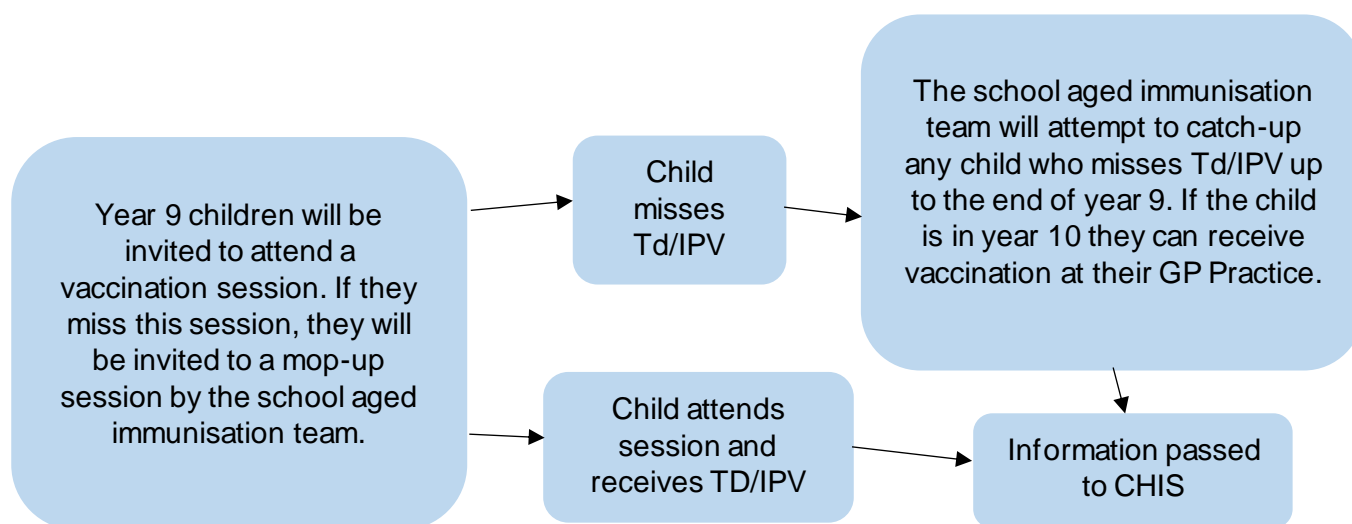
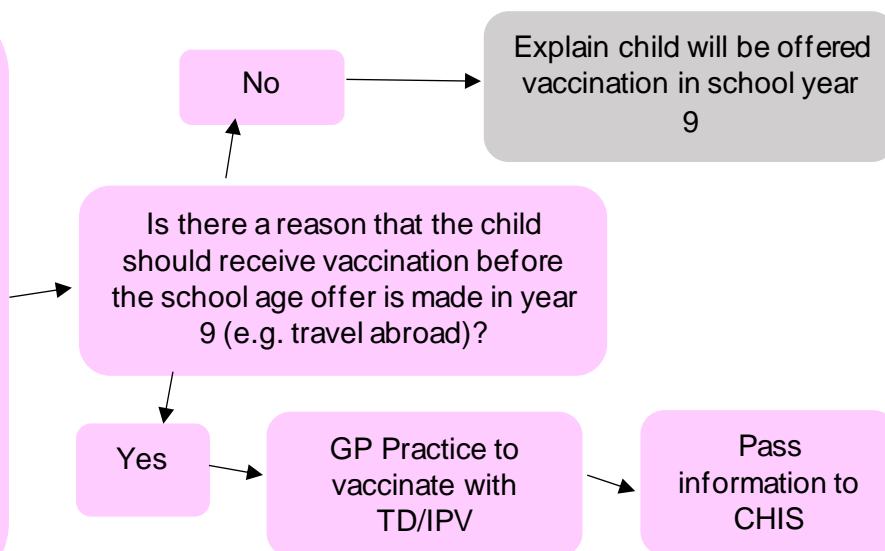
1. those attending university/further education for the first time at the time of vaccination;
2. those aged 19 years on 31 August 2021;
3. those eligible from August 2015 remain eligible up to the day before their 25th birthday;
4. those vaccinated at any time during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.



# Vaccination Process for Td/IPV (Teenage Booster)

Children in year 8 or younger should not be routinely offered Td/IPV until they have reached year 9 where this will be offered by the school aged immunisation team.

Td/IPV should ideally be given 10 years after the first booster (around 13 years 4 months). However, there may be circumstances where young people require this before year 9.



**The GP will be responsible for opportunistic delivery of missed Td/IPV vaccinations in year 10 children and older.**

Please refer to the [Green Book](#) and the [incomplete vaccination schedule](#) for further information.

## Date of births and year groups for 2021/22 academic year

School Year	Date of birth	Age
Reception	01.09.16 – 31.08.17	4 to 5
Year 1	01.09.15 – 31.08.16	5 to 6
Year 2	01.09.14 – 31.08.15	6 to 7
Year 3	01.09.13 - 31.08.14	7 to 8
Year 4	01.09.12 - 31.08.13	8 to 9
Year 5	01.09.11 - 31.08.12	9 to 10
Year 6	01.09.10 – 31.08.11	10 to 11
Year 7	01.09.09 – 31.08.10	11 to 12
Year 8	01.09.08 – 31.08.09	12 to 13
Year 9	01.09.07 – 31.08.08	13 to 14
Year 10	01.09.06 - 31.08.07	14 to 15
Year 11	01.09.05 – 31.08.06	15 to 16
Year 12	01.09.04 - 31.08.05	16 to 17
Year 13	01.09.03 - 31.08.04	17 to 18



## Useful Contacts

South West Screening & Immunisation Team:  
[england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)

### Somerset Child Health Information Service (CHIS):

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
SW CHIS Health Intelligence	The Exchange, Express Park, Bridgwater, TA6 4RN	01278 589225	Email: <a href="mailto:hil.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net">hil.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net</a> Website: <a href="http://www.swchis.co.uk/">http://www.swchis.co.uk/</a>

### Somerset school aged immunisation provider:

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team (Somerset NHS Foundation Trust)	Lower Bracken House, Chard Hospital, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1YA	0300 323 0032	Email: <a href="mailto:somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk">somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saint-s-school-age-immunisation-team/">https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saint-s-school-age-immunisation-team/</a>

## Useful links

### Training

- [Men B and Men ACWY programmes: a video training guide for healthcare professionals](#) (PHE, last updated September 2015)
- [Immunisation and vaccination training update via e-learning](#) (Skills for Health)

### Resources

- [Meningococcal leaflets, consent forms, information for healthcare practitioners and other Men ACWY-specific materials](#) (PHE)
- [Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Programme for Adolescents: Information for healthcare professionals](#) (PHE, last updated June 2020)
- [Men ACWY GP invitation letter template](#) (PHE, last updated August 2016)
- HPV and Men ACWY leaflets and posters, and the immunisations for young people leaflet (which includes information on Td/IPV) can be ordered from:  
<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>
- [HPV vaccination Information for healthcare practitioners](#) (PHE, June 2019)

### Supporting guidance

- [Immunisation against infectious disease \(Green Book\)](#) (PHE, September 2013)
- [Meningitis Research Foundation](#)
- [Meningitis Now](#)

### Financial information

- Full vaccination and immunization practice payment information can be found on the [NHS Employers website](#)

### Data

- Uptake data for HPV, Men ACWY and Td/IPV for the main cohorts can be found on the [ImmForm website](#)

### PGDs

- PGDs can be accessed via the [NHS England South \(South West\) website](#)

# Somerset School Aged Flu Immunisation Schedule

The school flu clinic schedule can be accessed here – please note that it is subject to change: <https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saints-school-age-immunisation-team/somerset-school-aged-immunisation-nursing-team-saint/flu-vaccination-programme/>

Please direct any questions about the schedule and how to book to the Somerset school aged immunisation provider on 0300 323 0032.