

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Newsletter: Important information for Teaching Staff

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust has a dedicated School Aged Immunisation Team made up of highly skilled staff who are experienced in offering vaccinations to all high school aged children in Bolton.

What is Measles?

- The number of people catching Measles is on the rise in Greater Manchester
- Measles can be very serious, causing a rash and high temperature
- Complications include ear and chest infections, diarrhoea, infections of the brain and brain damage.
- Did you know that one person with measles can infect around 15-20 unvaccinated people. Just 15 minutes direct contact with someone infected with measles is enough to transmit the virus



What to do next?

- You need two doses of the MMR Vaccination for full protection.
- If you are unsure whether you have had one or two doses of the MMR Vaccination, please check with your GP Practice. You may also be able to find your vaccination history on the NHS App. **The Immunisation Team are unable to check vaccinations histories.**
- These vaccinations can be completed by your GP Practice if you are outstanding or at one of the following Pharmacies: [MMR available in pharmacies | Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership \(gmintegratedcare.org.uk\)](http://gmintegratedcare.org.uk)
- **Please note, there is a vaccination available for the MMR, which does not contain Porcine Gelatine. This vaccine is called Priorix**

PLEASE REMEMBER: TO BE PROTECTED FROM MEASLES AND OTHER INFECTIONS LIKE MUMPS AND RUBELLA, YOU NEED TO BE PROTECTED WITH 2 DOSES OF THE MMR VACCINATION

For more information visit: [Measles: information for schools and healthcare centres - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres)

If you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team who can offer advice or assistance.

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