

Update about the delivery of COVID19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Eligibility and timing of vaccination

All children aged 12 to 15 years are being offered a first dose of vaccine as part of the school-based COVID-19 vaccination programme. Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team visits the school, will be offered a vaccination as part of the in-school vaccination programme.

How vaccination in schools will work

- Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff working closely with the school and following the usual approach to school-based immunisation.
- Our local SAIS provider has been asked to work with us to plan for the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations for 12- to 15-year-olds. The SAIS will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for healthy 12- to 15-year-olds and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.
- The SAIS provider will be contractually responsible for the service, as they are for other school vaccination programmes. The expectation is that the vaccination programme will be delivered primarily within school but there might be certain occasions where this is not possible.
- The COVID-19 vaccinations are being given during the autumn term.
- The programme will be delivered by an NHS commissioned SAIS team which may include nurses, healthcare support workers, administrative staff, and other associated professionals who specialise in the delivery of school age vaccinations.
- All children in the eligible age group who do not attend school, for example those who are home educated will be offered the vaccine.
- Booking via the National Booking Service or access via walk-in vaccination clinics cannot be accepted for this age group. Presently there are no plans to make them available via these routes.

Planned delivery of vaccines At Wilmslow High School

- The roll-out will be managed by the School Nursing Service in close co-operation with the Cheshire East education service
- Once school has been allocated dates we have been informed that there will be no capacity to change dates given due to the very tight timescales and requirement to complete the offer by mid-November.
- We have been asked to provide a large space in school to be available all day once set up. This will include provision for pupils to wait and be observed after the vaccination.
- The layout will be similar to current requirements for other immunisations sessions eg HPV and Tdp. As a school we will plan to avoid large queues in the vaccine area.

- We have been informed that E-consent forms will be sent to the school for us to send out to parents/carers to discuss with their child. Once a decision has been reached these will be emailed back directly by parents/carers to the School Nursing Service who will then be able to ensure they have the correct number of vaccines available for each school.
- Once consent forms have been sent to parents a letter will confirm for parental information and the date of vaccination in school. If this date is cancelled for whatever reason, we will inform parents.
- School Nursing Service staff will discuss consent with each child before administering the vaccine and will follow up when there is a discrepancy between the wishes of the child and the parent. Any discrepancies between parental wishes and child will be taken outside of the session and contact with parents made for them to mutually agree a decision before vaccination will take place. This may mean the child receives the vaccine at a later date if the school session has already taken place.

We will provide additional information in due course as we receive further details.

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