

**Dorset School Age Immunisation Service**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Teenage Booster Immunisations: offer of Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) vaccines to children in year 10 and children in Year 11 who missed their vaccines**

We are pleased to confirm that these vaccinations will be provided in schools to help protect your child against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis and four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. Your child is now due these two vaccines before leaving school, so that protection against these diseases will continue in adult life.

Further information from the NHS about these diseases, the vaccines given to protect your child against them, and any side effects is available here:

**Td/IPV:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

**Men ACWY:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

A leaflet about vaccines for young people published by Public Health England can be downloaded here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/849579/PHE\\_11490\\_IMM\\_young\\_people\\_A5\\_booklet\\_Dec2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf)

We are due to visit your child's school to vaccinate on:

**School:** The Thomas Hardy School

**Date of Session:** Wednesday 19 May 2021. Thursday 20 May 2021 & Friday 21 May 2021

**Unique Session Code:** 2uwrff

**Please complete the online form at least two working days prior to the date of the session at school to ensure that we have time to check the form and contact you if there are any queries.**

If you have a child at another school you will receive a separate letter with a different code for that school.

Following feedback from parents and schools, we have simplified the process for providing consent online.

This service is provided on behalf on Dorset HealthCare by InHealthCare

- Please complete the online consent form using the following link:  
<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorsetteenagebooster>
- InHealthCare will send a verification code to your email address, to ensure we have your correct details.

- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.
- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want your child to be vaccinated, there is a box on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

Your child may have already had the Td/IPV vaccine at an Emergency Department if they have attended following a tetanus prone wound. If this is the case, when you complete the online form please let us know when this was given, so we can advise whether the booster is needed.

For children in care you are most likely to have delegated authority to sign consent for the immunisation. If you are uncertain or you do not have delegated authority please speak to the child's social worker as soon as possible

If you have any problems registering your child online please check our website: [www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms) including the Frequently Asked Questions section or complete the Contact Us form.

**Important information:** If your child has any serious illness after you complete the online consent form or for any other queries e-mail us at [dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net) . Please note that our operating hours are Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00, and we are unable to respond to enquiries outside these hours.

Yours faithfully



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If you're planning to travel abroad when you leave school, now is a good time to start thinking about your travel immunisations. Some injections should be given a few weeks before you travel so try to plan well in advance. There are immunisations against Meningitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Hepatitis A, Typhoid Fever, Cholera, Hepatitis B and Yellow Fever. Don't forget you may also need medication to stop you getting Malaria. Check with your GP, local health clinic or travel clinic to get up to date information on the immunisations you'll need.