

School Aged Immunisation Team
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

9th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) – Year 9 Girls

This summer term your daughter should have been offered their second dose of the HPV vaccine (if they received their first dose in year 8).

Due to Covid-19 and the closure of schools initially to all non-keyworker children the school aged immunisation service was suspended and no vaccinations have been administered this term. Our team has since been planning for a safe reopening of our service and are pleased to announce that we are now able to safely resume some school aged vaccinations via pre-bookable appointments in schools. We will be following government guidance on social distancing and the use of PPE to ensure the safety of all students and staff during the appointments. Some of the measures include:

- Triaging of young people and their households at the time of appointment booking and on the day of appointment – this checks for symptoms of Covid-19
- Staggering of appointments to ensure social distancing can be maintained
- Nurses stations to be positioned at least 2m apart
- All immunisation staff to wear PPE, as advised by PHE and BHFT guidelines, this includes a surgical facemask and disposable apron
- Alcohol hand sanitiser to be available and used by young people on entry to school and on exiting.

Where possible can we ask that you bring your child to their appointment via car, to ensure that we can provide telephone triage on your arrival at school before your child exits the car. This is to prevent any transmission of infection, if identified as 'at risk' of Covid-19. To ensure social distancing is maintained we ask that young people are unaccompanied into school (unless severely needle phobic/ anxious). Young people would be met at the entrance by a member of the immunisation team, who will provide alcohol hand sanitiser prior to entering school.

If your child is identified as unable to be vaccinated (at the time of their school session) we will add them to our catch up clinic listing and look to vaccinate them in the next academic year. Unfortunately due to many hospital and community services now having to provide clinics, following social distancing measures we are not currently offering any vaccinations within community clinics. However if your child is unable to access school provision please contact us and discuss further via our nurse advice line on **07929185006** (Monday – Friday 10am -2pm).

Over the next few weeks you will receive a phone call from one of our nurses to arrange an appointment and triage your household.

We look forward to speaking with you soon

Kind Regards



Charlotte Church

(Immunisation Service Lead)