**Message for primary care**

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside is continuing to work closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Directors of Public Health and wider system partners to monitor and respond to rising number of confirmed measles cases in Cheshire and Merseyside.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring

* prioritisation of immunisation appointments, particularly those with 0 or only 1 dose of MMR.
* vigilance for measles cases, ensuring that appropriate triage and

isolation procedures are in place at your practice - so that those presenting with a fever and rash, or anyone reporting that they are a contact of someone with measles, can be isolated immediately to avoid exposing others.

* all staff involved in direct patient care have immunity to measles in

accordance with The Green Book (Chapter 12). This is important to protect staff from infection, and to protect patients – particularly those who are unable/ too young to be vaccinated, or those at risk of more severe disease.

**Outreach MMR clinics**

To help prevent further spreading of measles in the region Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust are running summer ‘catch up’ immunisation clinics for children living in Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton and St Helens. Further details can be found on their website. [Summer 'catch up clinics' help parents protect their children with vaccinations :: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/summer-catch-up-clinics)

The Living Well Service, operating on a fully drop-in basis, continues to provide routine UK immunisations (including MMR) to people of all ages at locations across Cheshire and Merseyside. View the timetable here. <https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/livingwellservice>

**Additional Resources**

[Measles information for HCWs](https://cheshireandmerseysidenhsuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CMcommspublicmaterial/ESxVYGodWqNGmqe1-_d8RYIB74a1heD4horLMbCzs64fYQ?e=Q3Ayk7)

[Measles communications toolkit](https://cheshireandmerseysidenhsuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CMcommspublicmaterial/Ed3v4wlIROJKiu1yc4bwuGIBtYo4Pw9PZfrH8m6UhfHR0Q?e=h09yGL)