**COVID-19 update**

**Information correct as of 5pm 4 May 2020**

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* None

All information provided in the COVID-19 bulletin is hosted online at <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/home/infections-and-microbiology/covid-19/>

**Updates to the RSS COVID-19 webpage**

National and regional updates

[Shielded Patient List](https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list)

[COVID-19 response: Primary care and community health support care home residents](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3845&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

[Who's at higher risk from coronavirus?](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/)

[PPE](https://ppds.palantirfoundry.co.uk/secure-upload/forms/ambd4kfdfxxvyqastuu2nsj5e6)

[PPE Stocktake Form](https://ppds.palantirfoundry.co.uk/secure-upload/forms/ambd4kfdfxxvyqastuu2nsj5e6) (see more information below)

[Interpreting COVID-19 PPE guidance (North Yorkshire & York) - flowchart](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3856) (For information only.  There are no changes to primary care PPE arrangements)

Prescribing and Community Pharmacy updates

[8 May 2020 bank holiday pharmacy rota](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3853&inline=1&inline=1)

Useful resources

[Wellbeing Resources for Primary Care Staff in Vale of York](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3843&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

[Personal Mobile Data and Broadband Enhancements for NHS Workers](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3844&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

**PPE stocktake – a message from NHS England**

A new PPE stocktake e-form has been introduced to understand the stock position across the country. The data will be collected to ensure that scarce resource gets to the right place at the right time. The deadline for submissions each day is midday to ensure the information can be actioned. The form is available at the link above. All submissions will be integrated into the NHS Privacy Preserving Data Store.

**Immunisations during Covid-19**

The [JCVI Statement on Immunisation prioritisation](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jcvi-statement-on-immunisation-prioritisation/statement-from-jcvi-on-immunisation-prioritisation) (published 17.4.2020) highlighted the importance of maintaining the national immunisation programme . It also states that although practices are experiencing high demand for their services, it remains important to prioritise time sensitive vaccines for babies, children and pregnant women. These are:

1. routine childhood immunisations (to include targeted neonatal hepatitis B and BCG), from birth up to and including vaccines offered to babies, infants and pre-school children including first and second MMR doses
2. pertussis vaccination in pregnancy
3. pneumococcal vaccination for those in risk groups from 2 to 64 years of age and those aged 65 years and over (subject to supplies of PPV23 and clinical prioritisation).

If people present for any other scheduled vaccination, the opportunity to provide this should not be missed.

School aged immunisations have been suspended and will be rescheduled by the school immunisation team.

**Seasonal flu vaccine ordering**

Flu planning remains a national priority in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some experts have suggested that a heightened public awareness of respiratory disease may result in an increased demand for flu vaccine in 2020-21.

The national uptake target is 75% for over 65s and a review of current orders is recommended. Please place orders to cover vaccinations to meet at least the national target and consider having some flexibility within your arrangements to meet any increased demand for vaccination.

The extended deadline for placing orders is fast approaching and you are urged to ensure that orders are placed and managed within current agreements with vaccine suppliers and unused vaccine return arrangements.

Please contact your screening and immunisation coordinator if you require any further help or advice.

**Imaging / Radiology**

YTHFT is working to respond to the Second Phase of NHS Response to COVID letter (29/4/20) and will clarify asap when they can re-start direct access x-ray and provide increased capacity for other imaging and radiology safely for their staff and patients.

In the meantime all direct access to plain film (x-ray) is closed and electronic referrals for x-rays need to be sent through for a booked appointment. Please minimise requests for imaging to essential and urgent requests wherever possible.

**Contacting the District Nursing Service**

District Nursing Service can be contacted 24/7 by phone at 01904 721 200.   Please delete any references to 0300 330 0254 in your patient facing literature or website as this number does not contact the District Nursing Team.