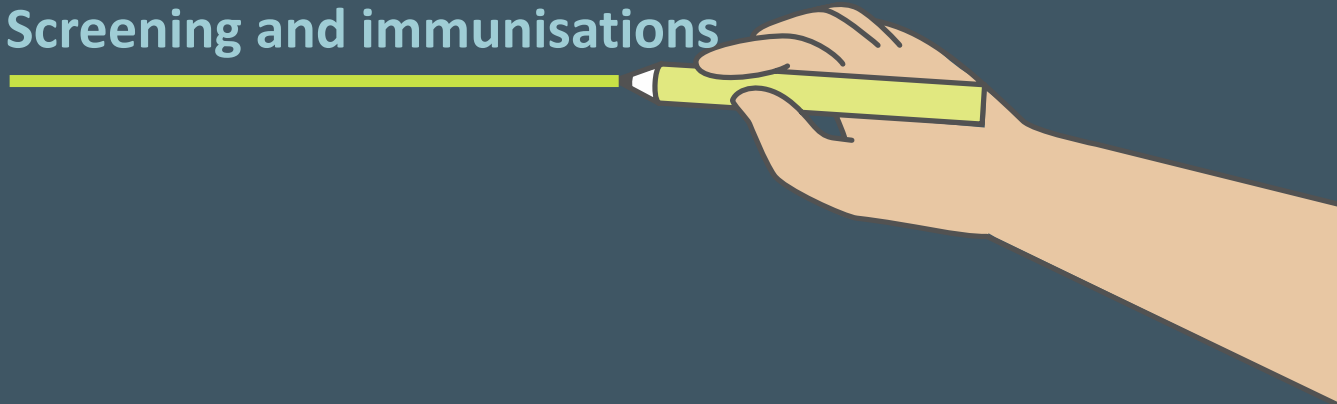


MMR UPTAKE

Screening and immunisations



Background

- More than one in ten eligible children under the age of five in England haven't had the MMR vaccine or are only partially vaccinated.
- This leaves these children unprotected and increases the risk of measles outbreaks occurring in nurseries and schools. We are reminding parents and guardians to ensure their children are protected by taking up two doses of the MMR vaccine at the right time.
- Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, there has been a significant drop in the number of parents and carers getting their children vaccinated against MMR and taking up other childhood vaccines.
- Measles is highly contagious so even a small decline in MMR uptake can lead to a rise in cases. As international travel resumes, there is more chance for measles to be brought in from countries where it is common. Catching-up children who missed out on their MMR vaccines during the pandemic is a priority, in order to help prevent a rise in measles cases.
- Boost parents' confidence that getting their children vaccinated.
- **Schedule**

MMR vaccine schedule	
Child's age	Vaccine
1 year	MMR (1st dose)
3 years and 4 months	MMR (2nd dose)

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NATIONAL DATA

Coverage of the first dose of the MMR vaccine in 2 - year-olds has dropped below 90%.

Coverage for the 2 doses of MMR vaccine in 5 -year-olds in England is currently 85.5%, well below the 95% World Health Organization's (WHO) target needed to achieve and sustain measles elimination.

GREATER MANCHESTER PICTURE

quarter 2 data July 2021 -Sept 2021	MMR1 at 2 year	MMR1 At 5 years	MMR2 at 5 years
Bolton	92.0	95.8	90.4
Bury	92.1	95.7	89.2
Manchester	85.7	91.9	79.2
Oldham	90.1	95.6	88.4
Rochdale	92.7	95.3	90.4
Salford	89.3	93.7	84.1
Stockport	94.1	97.5	92.7
Tameside	93.1	96.8	90.9
Trafford	93.7	95.0	90.1
Wigan	93.7	96.1	89.8



NHS

Don't let Measles,
Mumps and Rubella
into your child's world

MMR
vaccines
protect
Help us
help you

More than **1 in 10 children** under the age of 5 are not fully protected from measles and are at risk of catching it.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Cascade awareness of the MMR campaign far and wide within your organisation.

WHERE AND WHO TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION?

Children's centres

Early years services

Schools

Health Visitors

Practice Nurses

Childcare workers



HELPFUL RESOURCES

A suite of campaign assets, specifically designed for partners to use, is available on the Campaign Resource Centre. The site also has more information about the campaign and ideas for getting involved. Visit **campaignresources.phe.gov.uk**

[Around 1 in 10 children starting school at risk of measles - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[What do I need to know about the MMR vaccine? - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk)

[Childhood Vaccination 2022 | Campaign Resource Centre \(phe.gov.uk\)](https://phe.gov.uk)

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