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# PHPU Newsletter

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## Immunisation Seminars 2018

The Immunisation Seminars 2018 will give staff an update on the current vaccination programmes, the uptake rates and the latest research on the impact of the current programmes including any adverse events identified through the surveillance system. Other issues covered will include any changes to the current vaccination schedule and the vaccines to be used for the forthcoming flu season.

All staff involved in the immunisation programmes are encouraged to attend one of these seminars. To book a place, staff should click on the chosen venue link below. Please note there will be a buffet lunch between 11.30am and 12pm.

Date	Venue	Time	Places
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	<a href="#">The Adelphi Centre, Room 2, 12 Commercial Road, G5 0PO</a>	12.00 – 14.00 Lunch 11.30 - 12	80
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	<a href="#">Heart of Scotstoun, Room 6, 64 Balmoral St. G14 0BL</a>	12.00 – 14.00 Lunch 11.30 - 12	110
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018	<a href="#">Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square Greenock, PA16 8NG, (Ardgowan Rm)</a>	12.00 – 14.00 Lunch 11.30 - 12	70
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	<a href="#">Stobhill ACH, Seminar Rm 6, Grd Floor, 133 Balornock Rd, G21 3UW</a>	12.00 – 14.00 Lunch 11.30 - 12	70
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<a href="#">West College, Renfrew Road, Paisley, PA3 4DR (Lecture Theatre)</a>	12.00 – 14.00 Lunch 11.30 - 12	110

## Cold chain processes and vaccine storage

Healthcare staff will soon be preparing for the 2018-19 seasonal flu immunisation programme and dealing with deliveries of vaccine which need stored in the fridge on receipt.

Avoidable vaccine storage incidents often occur after a fridge thermometer hasn't been properly re-set. Fridge temperatures can rise in response to deliveries, date checking, fridge cleaning or a busy clinic. It is vital that elevated 'maximum' temperature readings are cleared from the fridge thermometer memory and a reason for the elevated temperature recorded in the comments column. All staff responsible for recording fridge temperature readings must know how to reset the thermometer.

Key points for GP practices and clinics :-

- Reception staff should know when a vaccine delivery is expected and that it must be stored in the fridge *immediately* upon receipt
- Vaccine refrigerators should not be overfilled
- Fridge doors should be closed carefully and locked to prevent the door bouncing back open
- Staff should ensure that fridge sockets can't be accidentally turned off or unplugged
- All staff should know how to re-set the thermometer
- Staff should ensure that temperature monitoring duties are covered during holiday period/absence of regular staff member

All staff involved in delivering vaccination, handling vaccines and monitoring the cold chain should complete the [NHSGGC Cold Chain LearnPro](#) or [Community LearnPro module](#)

## Measles outbreaks in Europe

Young people should be encouraged to make sure they have had both doses of the MMR vaccine before going on holiday to [Europe](#) where there are large outbreaks of measles. Cases of measles also continue to rise across England in unvaccinated young people. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 there have been 757 laboratory confirmed measles cases in England. Cases were reported in most areas with London (268), the South-East (161), South-West (118), West Midlands (85) and Yorkshire and Humberside (73) reporting the most cases (based on provisional figures).

The vaccine is available free to anyone who has not received both doses as a child. It protects against measles, mumps and rubella – all of which can be very serious diseases and are highly infectious. Measles is a viral illness that can sometimes lead to serious complications and can be fatal in very rare cases so taking up the offer of vaccination is crucial.

While vaccine uptake levels in Scotland in young children are currently very high, coverage levels previously dipped. This means that there are unprotected teenagers and young adults who could catch measles in England, particularly in environments of close mixing such as summer festivals, and when they travel abroad for the summer holidays.

People over the age of three years and four months who do not have two recorded doses of MMR vaccine remain eligible. Healthcare staff should maximise opportunities to ensure that individuals who are not protected are fully vaccinated. Nationally procured MMR vaccine stock can be used to catch up on anyone of any age. In addition, health care employers also have a responsibility to ensure that all their staff are up to date with their MMR vaccines.

**In NHS GGC there have been 5 confirmed cases of measles in total since 2016, with 1 case in 2018.**

### WHO Confirmed Measles Cases in UK

2011-2018 (07 June 2018)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2011	31	33	143	173	186	133	105	60	54	73	63	29	1083
2012	39	111	148	191	289	193	151	137	153	152	224	115	1903
2013	274	269	359	478	233	124	81	22	15	28	13	4	1900
2014	39	27	26	13	2	4	20	1	1	2	2	0	137
2015	6	11	3	7	14	13	7	5	3	2	9	12	92
2016	4	22	44	56	48	76	132	108	29	37	14	1	571
2017	10	1	8	17	34	25	22	14	18	22	65	46	282
2018	57	79	89	N/A	N/A	N/A							225*

\*The most up-to-date figures are not recorded on the WHO site as yet

## Green Book Updates

Please note Green Book updates on: [Japanese Encephalitis](#) (Chapt 20) and [Yellow Fever](#) (Chapt 35)

## Flu vaccine ordering – reminder to GP Practices

GP Practices are reminded that flu vaccine should be ordered via Movianto, as before, and that **any e mails from Sanofi should be ignored** (these emails are for Practices in England).

## Malaria cases in Scotland and updated advice for travellers

The [HPS report](#) on Malaria cases in Scotland in 2017 is now available. Travel advice has been updated on the [Travax](#) and [Fitfortravel](#) websites.

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