

Following the Government's briefing announcement yesterday and the confirmation that schools will be closed until further notice the school aged Immunisation service will be suspended until further notice.

For year 9 girls who would be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV with us during the next couple of months. The guidelines state that the administration of a two – dose course can be given with a 1<sup>st</sup> dose and then a repeat dose - 6-24 months later. So the 2<sup>ND</sup> dose of the vaccine can be given 24 months after the first dose and is still considered within schedule. Therefore please reassure parents that there is no cause for concern at present with this delay in their daughters 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV vaccination during this challenging time.

We will reschedule the year 8 HPV vaccinations following direction from Public Health England.

As we do not know what will be happening regarding schools reopening, please be assured we will work with you to plan the vaccination sessions as we have more information.

If you could convey the above to the year 9 girl's & year 8 parents/ carers who expected their children to be vaccinated over the forthcoming week's I would be very grateful, as we do not have access to parents/cares contact details and are also unable to send out an all user email/text to the volume of children in the cohorts.

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I wish you and your staff to stay well at this difficult time and please if parents have any queries ask them to contact the team directly on 02476961422 during office hours 9am -4pm.