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People who have a severely weakened immune system

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## COVID-19 booster



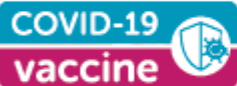
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## A guide to the spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign

**People aged 75 years and older, residents in care homes for older people, and those aged 6 months and over with a weakened immune system will be offered a dose of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine this spring.**

### **Who is being offered a spring vaccine?**

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 6 months and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Timing of the spring vaccine**

You should be offered an appointment between April and June, with those at highest risk being called in first. You will be invited to have your booster around 6 months after your last dose, but you can have it as soon as 3 months.

If you are turning 75 years of age between April and June, you do not have to wait until your birthday, you can attend when you are called for vaccination.

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The Public Health Agency (PHA) is running a campaign to promote uptake of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination for anyone aged 1 up to and including 25 years who missed out on one or both doses of the MMR vaccine. The campaign is running throughout March 2024 and will include mass media advertising, public relations and organic social media activity.

### Current landscape

The uptake of MMR vaccination has seen a decline in recent years. In Northern Ireland, the uptake rate for two doses of MMR is currently sitting behind the World Health Organization recommendation that at least 95% of children should be fully vaccinated for diseases in order to prevent outbreaks. This has led to the first cases of measles in Northern Ireland since 2017.

### MMR vaccine catch-up arrangements

The PHA is running a mass vaccination drive with Health and Social Care Trusts and GP practices for anyone aged one to 25 years who missed getting one or both doses of their MMR vaccine. First and second doses of the MMR vaccine are being offered until 31 March 2024.

GP practices will be offering vaccination for children aged one year up to and including five

years (anyone with a date of birth between 1 April 2018 to 1 December 2022), who have not received both doses of the MMR vaccine as part of the routine schedule. Your GP practice will contact you if your child is identified as needing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Health and Social Care Trusts are running an MMR vaccine catch-up campaign for those aged six up to and including 25 years of age (anyone with a date of birth between 31 March 2018 to 1 April 1998). You will receive information if you are in this age group and have not received two doses of MMR.

If you are in this age group and think you may need one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, you can get it at your local Health and Social Care Trust vaccination clinic. You can make an appointment or just turn up. You do not need to wait to receive a letter.

Those who are pregnant, or think they could be pregnant, cannot get vaccinated. They are advised to contact their GP or midwife after they have had the baby.

### Target audience

The target audience is parents and guardians of children from one year and over, and young adults up to and including 25 years.

### Campaign aim

To encourage uptake of the MMR vaccine for anyone aged one up to and including 25 years who has missed either one or both doses.

# MEASLES

If you or your child have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine, you could catch measles.

If you think you have measles, please inform reception staff immediately so you can be seen in a separate room.

This will stop the infection spreading to others.

For more information, see [www.nidirect.gov.uk/mmr](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/mmr)

Measles symptoms include:



High fever



Runny nose



Cough



Aching/feeling unwell



Sore red eyes



Rash

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# MEASLES

Measles is highly infectious and can be spread easily.

## ✓ Isolate

Patients with suspected measles must be isolated to protect vulnerable people.

## ✓ Check MMR vaccine status

Has the patient had both doses?

## ✓ Notify

If measles is suspected, notify the Public Health Agency on 0300 555 0119. Out of hours, contact public health on-call.

Symptoms of measles are:



Temperature



Runny nose



Cough



Feeling unwell



Conjunctivitis



Rash

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## VACCINATION

This leaflet explains about measles, mumps and rubella and the MMR vaccination which helps protect against all three diseases.



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# Measles

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