

Staff Vaccinations

GP practices must ensure that staff receive the immunisations that are appropriate for their role.

Everyone who has direct contact with patients should be up-to-date with routine immunisations. This includes reception staff and those who handle samples or need to clean up bodily fluids. The immunisations are to protect against:

- tetanus
- polio
- diphtheria
- measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) – this is particularly important to avoid transmission to people who are more vulnerable of health problems should they acquire the disease/infection. Evidence of satisfactory immunity to MMR is either:
 - a positive antibody test to measles and rubella
 - having 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.

Some staff may need further vaccinations for:

- Bacillus Calmette–Guérin (BCG) if they have close contact with patients with infectious tuberculosis (TB)
 - Hepatitis B and relevant boosters if they have:
 - direct contact with patients' blood or blood-stained body fluids, such as from sharps
 - are at risk of being injured or bitten by patients
 - Varicella (chickenpox) if they have direct contact with patients and either cannot give a definite history of chickenpox or shingles or have a blood test which does not show they are immune.
 - Your practice should also: offer the annual influenza vaccine to staff
- ['Green Book' Immunisation Against Infectious Diseases](#)**