

For use in school newsletters:

Help to protect against serious vaccine-preventable diseases

During Covid-19 local GPs have reported a drop in the uptake of pregnancy, infant and pre-school booster vaccinations in Warwickshire.

Attending routine vaccination appointments is important, as it helps to stop an outbreak of serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles, Meningitis and whooping cough.

If you are pregnant or have young children, it's important that you continue to attend your scheduled vaccination appointments on time. If you cancelled these appointments during lockdown, please rebook now.

Your GP surgery will have all the necessary precautions in place to keep you and your child safe from COVID-19. If you have any questions about the steps they have put in place, why not talk to the receptionist to help ease your concerns.

Attending your routine vaccination appointments not only protects you and your children from very serious illnesses, but also protects more vulnerable people who would be at very great risk if they were to contract these diseases.

If you're unsure about the schedule and when vaccinations are due, check your child's Red Book or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

For more information call your GP or text:

- Warwickshire health visitors on CHAT **Health: 07520 615293** anytime (responses Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).
- Warwickshire school nursing on **03300 245 204** or text Parentline on **07520 619 376**.