



COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

If your child has had their first dose, we will be returning to schools again to offer a second dose. Please note there must be 12 weeks between the doses (or 8 weeks if your child is in an at risk category). If your child had their first dose at a vaccination centre, they can receive their second dose in school as long as there has been a 12 week gap. Likewise, if the first dose was given in school you can choose to get the second dose at a vaccination centre. We aim to provide flexible opportunities for families to access the vaccinations.

Neither dose one or two of the vaccine can be given if your child has had the Covid infection within the last 12 weeks.

We are also offering the opportunity for a first dose if this was not taken up last term, and for children who were 11 last term, but have now turned 12 years of age.

Please discuss the vaccination with your child and then complete and return the consent form accessed via the link below within 72 hours of receipt so that we can review your child's information before the planned session.

Your child's health record will be updated with the vaccine information if you consent and your child receives the vaccination as planned.

We are aware that NHS England has advised that children may be offered the opportunity to self-consent, however, NHFT School Age Immunisation Service decided **NOT** to offer a self-consent option during the school-based session and **ONLY** children whose parents have given consent for them to receive the vaccine will be called to the vaccination session.

For more information on COVID-19 and the school age vaccination programme follow the links below:

[Guide for Parents](#)

[Guide for Children and Young people](#)

[Covid-19 Vaccines](#)

[Information on Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

Please following the link below to complete the electronic consent form.

* If you struggle to open the link in your default browser please copy & paste link into Google Chrome.

[COVID-19 e-Consent Form](#)

Covid-19 Vaccine FAQ's

- Can my child still have the vaccine if they have had Covid?
There is no evidence of any safety concerns from vaccinating individuals with a past history of COVID-19 infection, or with detectable COVID-19 antibody. Vaccination should be deferred in those with confirmed infection to avoid confusing the differential diagnosis. As clinical deterioration can occur up to two weeks after infection, **vaccination should be deferred until 12 weeks after onset of symptoms or 12 weeks from the first confirmed positive specimen in those who are asymptomatic.**
- Can my child have the Covid-19 Vaccine following or alongside other vaccinations such as Flu?
As all of the early COVID-19 vaccines are considered inactivated, where individuals having recently received one or more inactivated or another live vaccine, such as live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) which replicate in the mucosa, they are unlikely to be seriously affected by concomitant COVID-19 vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination should still be given.
If the vaccines are not given together, they can be administered at any interval, although separating the vaccines by a day or two will avoid confusion over systemic side effects. The only exceptions to this are the shingles vaccines, where a seven day interval should ideally be observed
- If my child is not yet 12 or is 16 or over on the day of vaccination, can they be given the vaccine at the school-based session if I fill in the consent form?
No, your child MUST be 12 or over and under 16 at the point of vaccine administration. Those pupils in year 7 who are not yet 12 will be eligible for the vaccine from their 12th birthday and for those in year 11 who turn 16 before their school based session will be able to access the vaccine [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE – Once the deadline for submitting your child’s consent has passed you will **NOT** be able to give a verbal consent over the phone.

If for any reason your child misses the school session you will receive a communication from Northamptonshire’s COVID-19 Vaccination Centre advising how the vaccine can be accessed.

If you have any clinical based queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on **0800 170 7055 Option 5**

Yours sincerely,

**Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
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