



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

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to your child. Your child has the opportunity to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine and you may be notified about the second dose later. 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 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 four weeks after onset of symptoms or four weeks from the first confirmed positive specimen in those who are asymptomatic.**
- Can my child have the Covid-19 Vaccine following 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](#).

Ref : PHE Immunisation against infection diseases, (The Green Book) Chapter 14a [Covid-19-SARS CoV-2](#)

For your information - the following community pharmacies and GP practice will be working with the School Age Immunisation Service to deliver these vaccinations at the in-school sessions.

- Weavers Medical Centre
- Mr Pickfords Community Pharmacy
- Whitefields Community Pharmacy
- Greens Norton Pharmacy
- Oakley Community Pharmacy

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 so please do NOT call our admin team. You will receive a communication from Northamptonshire's COVID-19 Vaccination Centre following the school-based session 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
School Aged Immunisation Service**