



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent, Guardian and Carer

**Re: Covid-19 Vaccinations for 12 to 15 Year Olds**

The Government has announced the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine to children aged 12 to 15 years of age. The NHS has approached Local Authorities and Schools to facilitate the vaccination programme by providing adequate space for NHS staff to administer this vaccine.

As a Trust we would like to support our community and therefore offer the opportunity for our students to receive the vaccination should parents, guardians and carers wish to take advantage of the programme.

To this end, please find attached information from NHS England including a guidance booklet and consent form which the College has been asked to provide to parents, guardians and carers. Please can you read the documentation carefully and return the consent form to the College reception no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

If you wish to pursue this option, it is extremely important that you return the consent form so that the College can provide NHS England with accurate information on parental consent for vaccinations.

If you have any questions, please follow the guidance provided and contact the relevant agency to help with your decision.

Yours sincerely

Heidi Faure  
**Chief Officer – Operations**



## Coronavirus vaccine consent form for children and young people

Coronavirus is an illness that lots of people are catching at the moment.

Most people won't get very poorly from coronavirus but some people have to go to hospital. There is a very small chance that some people might die from it.



One way to help you stay safe is to get a coronavirus vaccine. The coronavirus vaccine should stop you getting very poorly if you do catch coronavirus.



It will take about 2 weeks for the vaccine to start working.



There is a small chance that you can still catch coronavirus if you have had the vaccine.



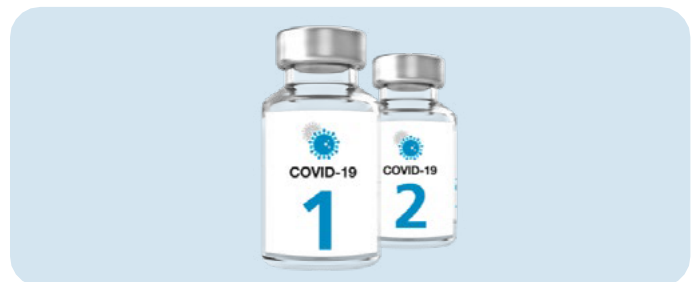
If you or your parent or carer is worried about you having the vaccine, you can talk to your doctor.



You can't catch coronavirus from having the vaccine.



You may need to have two vaccines to keep you as safe as possible.



After your vaccine your arm might be a bit sore for a short time. You might also feel tired or have a headache. This is called having side effects. You can ask your parent or carer to give you some painkillers like paracetamol for this.

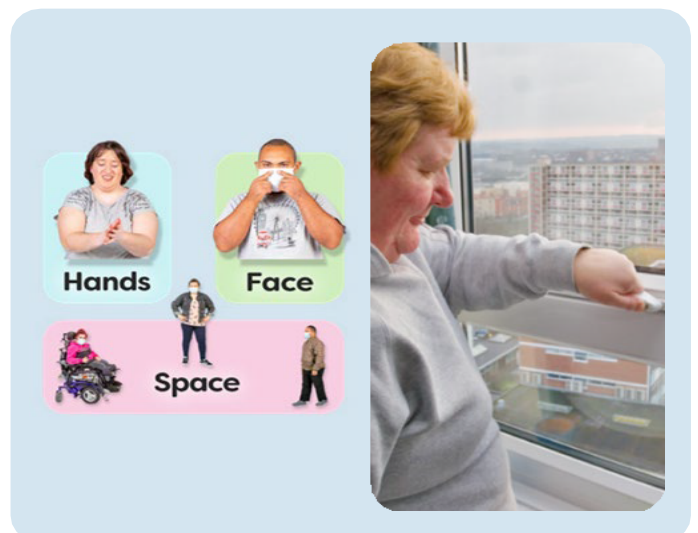


You should keep following the government's rules if you have been vaccinated. It will help you to stay safe.

This includes wearing a face covering and washing your hands carefully and often.

If you meet people indoors make sure you open a window to keep the air fresh.

If you were previously advised to shield, you should consider continuing social distancing if this feels right for you and those around you.





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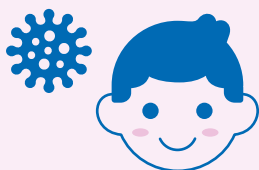
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# COVID-19 vaccination for children and young people aged 12 to 15 years

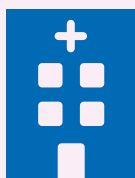
## What is COVID-19 or coronavirus?



COVID-19 is an illness sometimes called coronavirus.

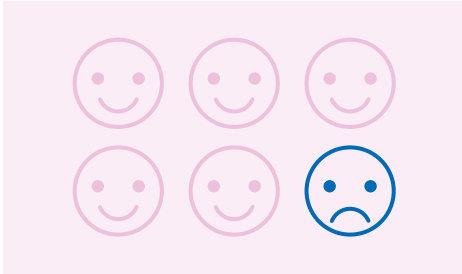


Most children who get COVID-19 have no symptoms. Those that do, have mild symptoms like a bad cold.



A few children and young people will get very poorly and have to go to hospital.

## Who should have the COVID-19 vaccines

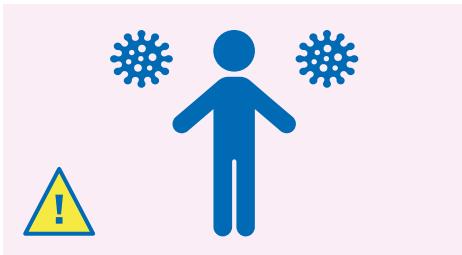


The vaccine is most important for the small number of children and young people who are likely to get poorly with COVID-19.

They include those with:



Severe neurodisabilities.



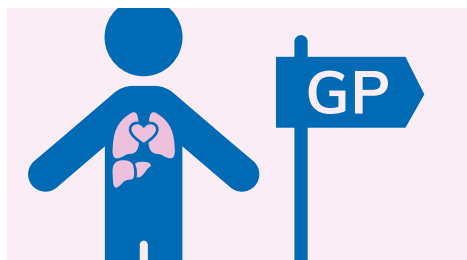
Immunosuppression – those whose immune systems don't work as well. Also those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed.



Profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities.

Being on the learning disability register.

Those living with Down's syndrome.



Those living with long term serious conditions affecting your body.

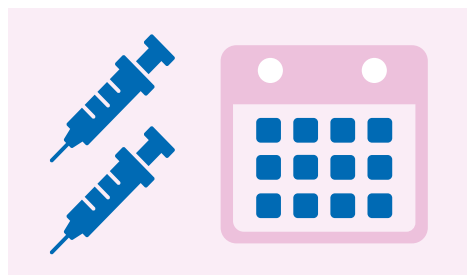
Your GP will know if you need to have the vaccine.

## Who should have the COVID-19 vaccines



All these children and young people who are aged 12 to 15 years of age, should have the COVID-19 vaccinations.

## About the vaccine



You may need 2 injections of the vaccine usually 8 to 12 weeks apart.



The vaccine has been tested to make sure it is as safe as possible.

## Knowing if you should get a vaccine



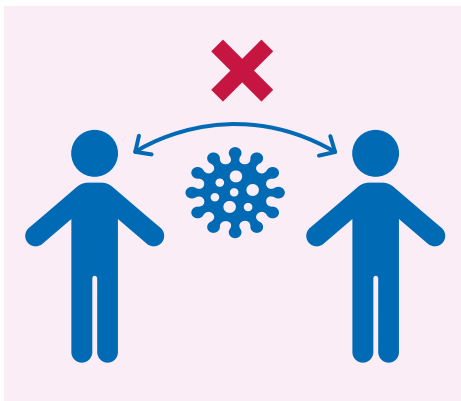
Your GP (family doctor) should be able to check if you should get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Some people may receive a letter, or a phone call to invite them for their vaccination.

## Can you give COVID-19 to anyone after you have had the vaccine?



Having the vaccine makes you less likely to get very ill from COVID-19.



It will help to stop you from catching and passing on the virus.



## Common side effects

Your arm feeling heavy or sore where you had the injection



Feeling achy or like you've got the flu



Feeling tired

ZZZ



Having a headache



If you feel feverish (like you're very hot or very cold) you should:

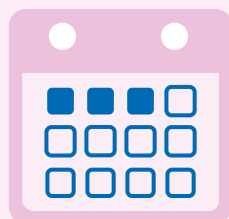
Rest



Take paracetamol

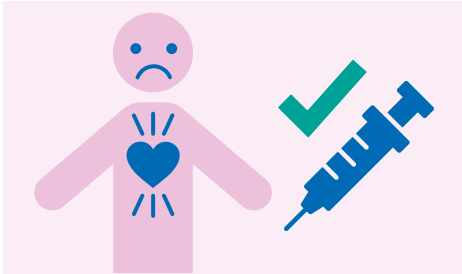


You should feel better in less than a week

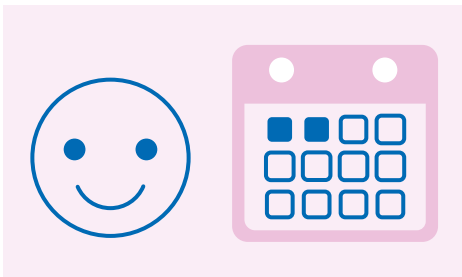




## Rare but serious side effects



Worldwide, there have been recent, rare cases of inflammation of the heart reported after COVID-19 vaccines.

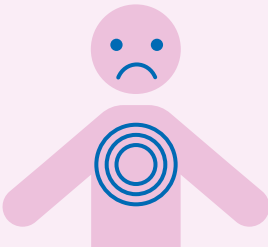


These cases have been seen within a few days of vaccination.

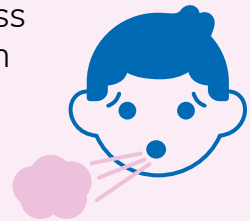
Most people felt better after a few days of simple treatment

You should seek medical advice urgently if you experience:

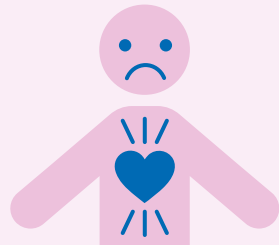
Chest pain



Shortness of breath



Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart



## Rare but serious side effects



If you feel very poorly after vaccination, call 111 or go to the 111 website.

Make sure you tell them about the vaccine, or show them your card.



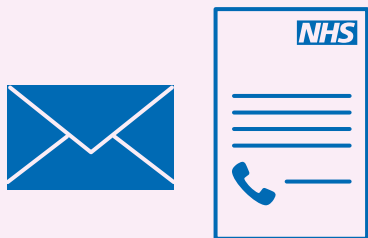
If you think you have a serious side effect from the vaccine you can report them using the yellow card scheme.

The Coronavirus Yellow Card system is a website where you can report any side effects from the vaccine.



**You may need support to access this website:**  
[coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk](https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk)

## How to book your appointment



If you receive an invitation letter, it will explain how to make your appointment.

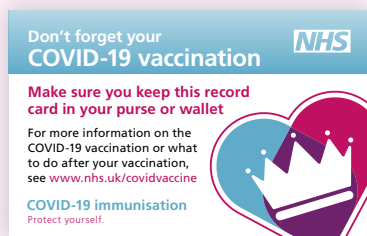


You can use the telephone to make your appointment. You or your parent can call 119.

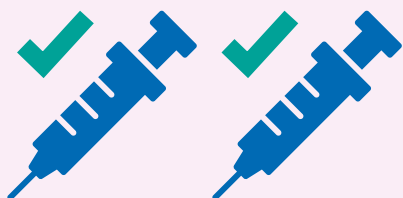


You will be told where to go for your vaccine and when.

## What to do next



When you've had the first injection, you should get a record card. This card should have your next appointment for 8 to 12 weeks time.



Although the first dose will give you good protection, you need the second dose to get longer-lasting protection.



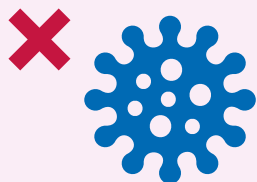
Keep your card safe and make sure you go to get your second injection.

## How long the vaccine takes to work



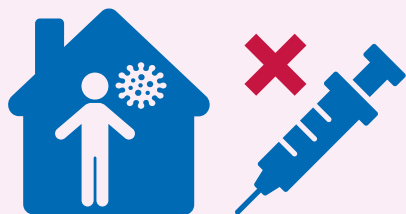
It can take a few weeks for the vaccine to protect you.

## Does the vaccine work for everyone?



The vaccine doesn't completely stop everyone getting COVID-19, but if you do, it should still stop you being very poorly.

## What to do if you are not well when it is your next appointment



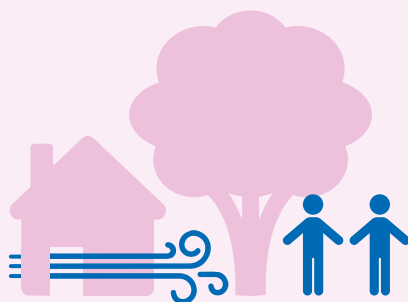
You should not attend a vaccine appointment if you are self-isolating, waiting for a COVID-19 test or unsure if you are fit and well.

## After the vaccine, you should still:

Wear a face mask in crowded indoor spaces



Meet outdoors or if indoors, let fresh air in



Wash your hands carefully and often



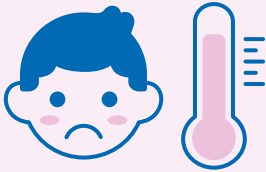
Follow the current guidance on [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



## Signs of COVID-19



A new cough and you keep on coughing.



A high temperature.



Your smell or taste going away or changing.



If you have the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test.



Further information on symptoms is available on [nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)



If you cannot use the NHS website, phone 111 free of charge.



**COVID 19**

# Vaccination consent form for children and young people

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to your child. Your child will receive their first COVID-19 vaccine and you may be notified about the second dose later. The leaflet sent with this form includes more information about the vaccines currently in use. Please discuss the vaccination with your child, then complete this form before it is due. Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records.

Child's full name (first name and surname):	Date of birth:
Home address:	Daytime contact telephone number for parent/carer:
NHS number (if known):	Ethnicity:
School (if relevant):	Year group/class:
GP name and address:	

## Consent for COVID-19 vaccination (Please complete **one** box only)

<b>I <i>want</i></b> my child to receive the COVID-19 vaccination	<b>I <i>do not want</i></b> my child to have the COVID-19 vaccine
Name:	Name:
Signature: Parent/Guardian	Signature: Parent/Guardian
Date:	Date:

If after discussion, you and your child decide that you do not want them to have the vaccine, it would be helpful if you would give the reasons for this on the back of this form.

**Ask for the What to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination leaflet at [gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people](https://gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people). It will tell you about the side effects and how to report them to the Yellowcard scheme at [yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk](https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk).**

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of COVID-19 vaccination		Site of injection (please circle)		Batch number/ expiry date	Immuniser (please print)	Where administered ( hub, PCN, GP etc)
First		<b>L</b> arm	<b>R</b> arm			
Second		<b>L</b> arm	<b>R</b> arm			