


**Immunisation Service (0-19)**

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Dear parent or carer,

**Your child's COVID-19 vaccination is now due**

All children aged 12 to 15 years are now being offered the COVID-19 vaccination.

Evidence shows that school disruption as a result of COVID-19 infections has had a severe impact on children's mental and physical health, as well as their education.

The vaccination will help to protect your child against COVID-19. For most children and young people COVID-19 is usually a mild illness that rarely leads to complications, however a few may get symptoms that last longer than the usual two to three weeks.

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Service will be visiting your child's school on **1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**.

Please use the following link to consent your child:

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft>

**Please ensure the form is completed by end of school day 28/10/21.**

We cannot accept late consents and therefore your child may not be vaccinated in school.

If your child is not aged 12 or over on the day of the session, please do not submit a consent as they are not eligible for the vaccine and will not be vaccinated. However, there will be opportunities for catch up vaccinations at a later date, details of which will be shared with your school in due course.

Information leaflets explaining the COVID-19 vaccination programme can be found here:

[COVID-19 vaccination programme - guide for children and young people](#)

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[COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people – guidance for parents](#)

If your child has an underlying health condition, they may have already been offered or received the vaccination via your GP. It is important you still complete the online consent so we can capture this information and we don't continue to invite your child for vaccination.

**If your child has already had the COVID-19 vaccination, please click 'yes' to consent.**

A number of questions will appear including:

- Has your child previously had a COVID-19 vaccine?
  - Please tick 'yes' and include the date and venue attended
  - This will ensure we have a record of vaccination
- Does your child have any underlying condition?
  - Please give details
  - For some children with an underlying health condition, they will require a second vaccination. This information will ensure that they are invited for dose two.

Please note that a young person can consent to having a vaccination if they are assessed as competent to do so. For more information about consent please go to:

[www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/900.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/900.aspx)

If you have any questions please email: [kentchft.enquiries4covid19schools@nhs.net](mailto:kentchft.enquiries4covid19schools@nhs.net)

Kind regards

**School Age Immunisation Service  
Kent and Medway Immunisation Team  
Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust**

**Please note:**

If your child misses their vaccination in school that you have provided consent for, we may be able to offer a clinic appointment at a later date.

If you want to withdraw consent for a vaccination because your child has since had this elsewhere, or you no longer wish to immunise your child please let us know.

The Immunisation Team will also be delivering the flu vaccine at this session to Years 7-11. You do not need to consent again for the flu vaccine. **Consenting to the flu vaccine IS NOT a consent for the COVID-19 vaccine.**

**It is safe to have the flu and COVID-19 vaccine administered on the same day.**

If you decide you do not want us to vaccinate your child, please still complete the online consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine).

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