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COVID-19 vaccination programme – Children and young people

Third dose and booster



COVID-19 vaccine

for people with a weakened immune system

People who have a severely weakened immune system are being offered a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This is to help improve any protection you may have built from your first 2 doses.

What is COVID-19 or coronavirus?

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It can be very serious in people who have a weakened immune system. There is no cure for COVID-19 although some newly tested treatments do help to reduce the risk of complications.

Why am I being offered a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?




This third dose is being offered to all those aged 12 years and older who had a weakened immune system around the time they had their first 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. It is possible that you may not have responded as well as other people. This third dose may help to improve your immune response and give you better protection.

Your specialist can advise whether this applies to you. By having the third dose you may reduce your chance of catching the COVID-19 infection.

People who need a third dose are those who had a severely weakened immune system around the time they had their first 2 doses. This includes those who had or have:


- blood cancers (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
- lowered immunity due to treatment (such as steroid medication, biological therapy, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- lowered immunity due to inherited disorders of the immune system
- an organ or bone marrow transplant
- diseases that affect the immune system such as poorly controlled HIV

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-for-people-with-a-weakened-immune-system>



COVID-19 vaccine

Your guide to booster vaccination



People aged 50 years and over, health and social care workers and younger people at risk are being offered a booster dose of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. The NHS will contact you when it is your turn to have a booster.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-booster-dose-resources>

Booster record card

Name

Name of vaccine:

Batch no:

Date vaccine given:

Please write in the dose number in the box on the left.
Don't forget your next appointment date:

Name of vaccine:

Batch no:

Date vaccine given:

UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2021552. Product code: COV2021311

Don't forget your
COVID-19 vaccination

NHS

**Make sure you keep this record
card in your purse or wallet**

For more information on the
COVID-19 vaccination or what
to do after your vaccination,
see www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine

COVID-19 immunisation

Protect yourself



Simple text leaflet for at risk 12 to 15 year olds



Simple text

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.

- COVID-19 guide for children and young people aged 16 to 17 years
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>



COVID-19 vaccination

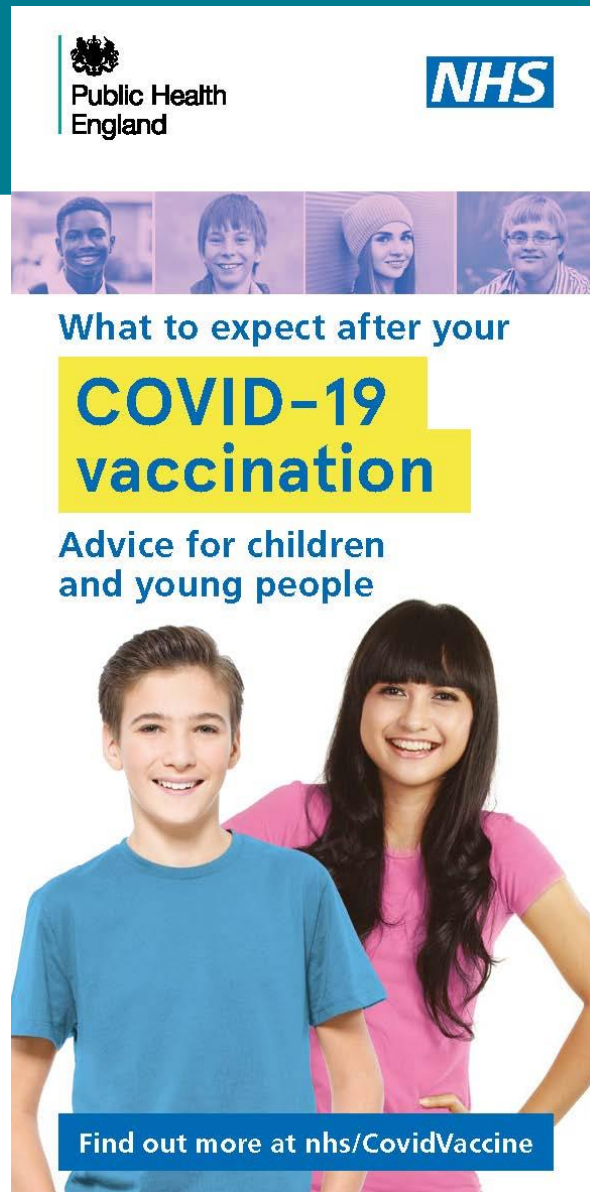
A guide for children and young people



Find out more at [nhs/CovidVaccine](https://nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)

What to expect after
your COVID-19
vaccination Product
code:COV2021YP

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>



- explains the common side effects and how to manage them
- gives information on the very rare serious side effects
- information on how to report any side effects to the Coronavirus Yellow card scheme

First and second dose record card

Name

1

Name of vaccine:

Batch no:

Date vaccine given:

Don't forget to attend your appointment to have your second dose of vaccine. You will have the best protection after two doses.

Booster

Second appointment date:

2

Name of vaccine:

Batch no:

Date vaccine given:

Public Health England gateway number: 2020311. Product code: COV2020311.

Don't forget your
COVID-19 vaccination

NHS

Make sure you keep this record card in your purse or wallet

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination or what to do after your vaccination, see www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine

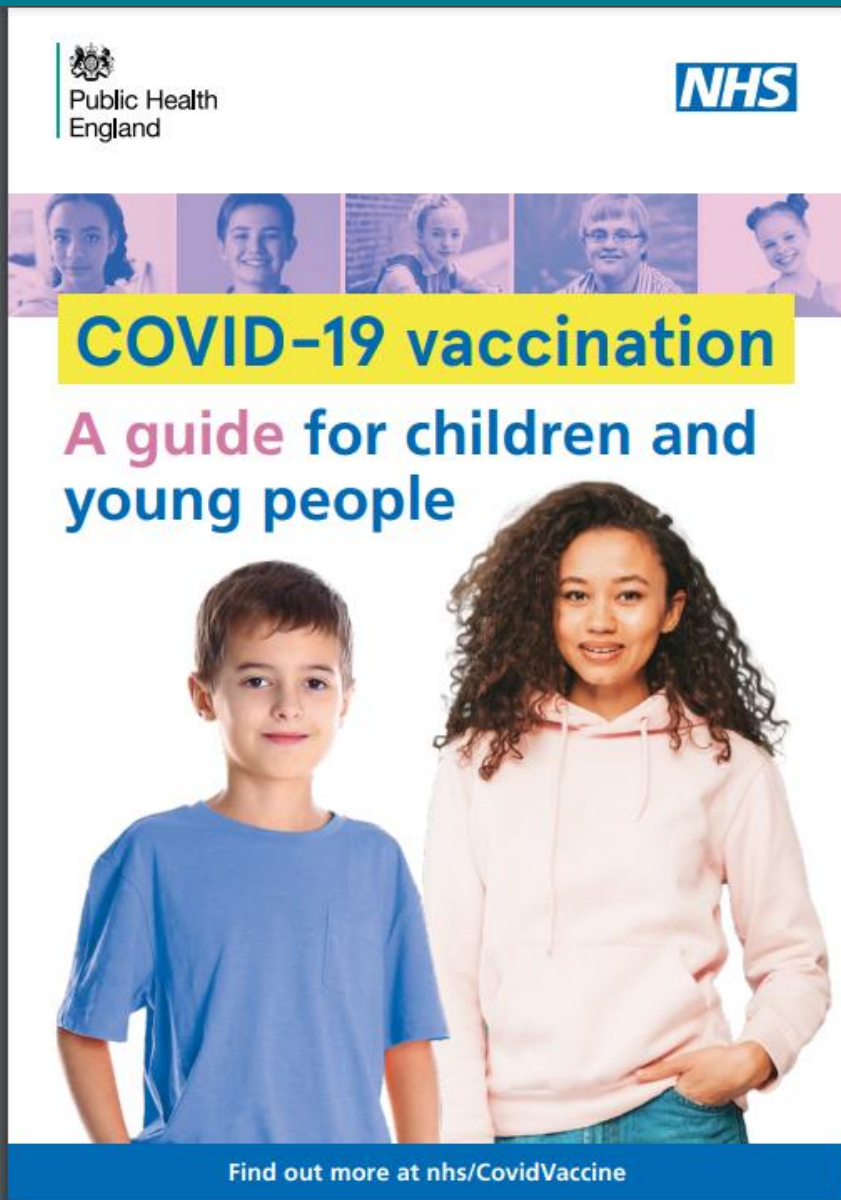
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Main leaflet for children and young people

Parents guidance



[CYP main guide](#)

[Product code:](#)

COV2021CYPEN

[Parents guide](#)

[Product code:](#)

COV2021PFS

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/>

[ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationfactsheetforparents](#)



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Vaccination programme for children and young people

Guidance for parents

This autumn all young people aged 12 to 15 years are being offered the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease.

Why should I have my child vaccinated?

The UK's Chief Medical Officers all agree that while COVID-19 is typically mild or asymptomatic in most young people, it can be very unpleasant for some and one dose of the vaccine will provide good protection against severe illness and hospitalisation.

Vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds should also help to reduce the need for young people to have time-off school and reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools.

The COVID-19 secondary schools vaccine programme should therefore provide protection to young people and reduce the disruption to face to face education. This will help to keep young people emotionally well and happier and this was an important consideration for the Chief Medical Officers.





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.



Easy-read consent form for children , young people - parents and carers

Coronavirus vaccine for children and young people, aged 12 to 15 who are most likely to get very poorly from coronavirus.



This information is for children and young people and their families and carers.



It is about coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 and the vaccine.



Coronavirus is an illness that can make you poorly.



Most children and young people won't have any symptoms or feel very poorly if they get coronavirus.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-easy-read-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

Product code:
COV2021CYP



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)

I want my child to receive the COVID-19 vaccination	I do not want 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. It will tell you about the side effects and how to report them to the Coronavirus Yellow card scheme at coronavirus-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		L arm	R arm			
Second		L arm	R arm			

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The standard COVID-19 consent form is available to download here:

and to order as a paper copy using product code: **COV2021ERCUI18**

here:

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationconsentformforcyp>

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Provision of immunisation sessions in schools where there are cases or outbreaks of COVID-19

- The continued offer of vaccines to school-aged children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic remains an important measure to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases. This includes COVID-19 vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 years of age and all routine vaccinations against influenza, meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus, diphtheria, tetanus and polio. It also includes immunisations as part of catch-up offers, such as measles, mumps and rubella vaccination and vaccines that may be offered as part of an outbreak control strategy, such as pertussis and hepatitis A.

For more information see below

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-provision-of-immunisation-sessions-for-outbreaks-in-schools/advice-to-sais-on-the-provision-of-immunisation-sessions-in-schools-where-there-are-cases-or-outbreaks-of-covid-19>

How should schools respond to misinformation campaigns about the vaccine?

We are aware some schools have received letters or emails which feature false or misleading information (misinformation) about the safety, efficacy and purpose of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Headteachers and teachers are advised:

- Not to engage directly: misinformation narratives and tactics flourish when they are responded to.
- Acknowledge receipt: if a response is needed, simply acknowledge receipt of concerns.
- If there is a need to, refer to the latest scientific guidance on the issue. Some helpful links to trusted sources include:

Trusted sources of information

- [COVID-19 children's programme guidance and leaflets](#) from Public Health England
- [Vaccine Knowledge project](#)
- the World Health Organization's [Mythbusters page](#)
- the [Check Before You Share Toolkit](#)
- [Health Publications website](#) to order and download COVID-19 publications
- information on the [COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- information on the [COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

Guidance for schools



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This guidance is for schools on the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds. Please make sure this is available to all members of school teams who need to know about the programme.

This autumn all children aged 12 to 15 years are being offered the **first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination**. COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease.

Vaccinating children should help to reduce the need for children to have time off school and to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. The COVID-19 vaccination programme in secondary schools will therefore provide protection to children who are vaccinated and help to reduce disruption to face to face education this winter.



Guidance for schools

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationfactsheetforparents>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools>



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Health Publications website

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>

or phone 0300 123 1002

COVID-19 vaccination programme guidance and resources for health professionals

- **Vaccination programme resources:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme>
- **Green book, chapter 14a:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>
- **Health publications order site:**
<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>
- **Patient group direction (PGD):**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-patient-group-direction-pgd>

Other vaccination programmes - which mailbox do you need?

immunisation.lead@phe.gov.uk - monitored by PHE immunisation nurses and deals with clinical queries.

immunisation@phe.gov.uk - monitored by the PHE operational and implementation team and deals with general (non-clinical) operational issues, e.g. eligibility queries.



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[The Green Book of Immunisation](#) contains more information on consent, including Gillick competence.