


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 in school.

Coronavirus can affect anyone. For most children and young people COVID-19 is usually a milder illness that rarely leads to complications. For a very few the symptoms may last for longer than the usual 2 to 3 weeks. The vaccination will help to protect your child against COVID-19

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

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Service will be visiting your child's school on 11th-12th October.

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 Wednesday 6th October 2021.

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

A leaflet explaining the COVID-19 vaccination programme can be found here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf and [COVID-19 Vaccination programme for children and young people – guidance for parents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/COVID-19_Vaccination_programme_for_children_and_young_people_-_guidance_for_parents.pdf). This includes details of children who are at a greater risk from COVID-19 infection – these children will be invited

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to their GP surgery for this vaccination. Please detail any health conditions and previous COVID-19 vaccinations on the consent form so that we can ensure your GP is aware to offer a vaccination.

If your child misses their vaccination in school that you have provided consent for, we may be able 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.

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

If you have any questions please email: kentchft.enquiries4covid19schools@nhs.net

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

Please note:

- 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.

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