

Covid-19

Vaccination

Parent/Carer information pack

**Please read before submitting
the Consent Form.**

Dear Parent/ Carer

As many of you will be aware via national and local news a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine is now recommended for all children aged 12 to 15 years.

Following the recommendation, parents/carers can choose for their child to receive this important second vaccination either in school or at a community clinic. If you would like your child to be vaccinated in school the School-aged immunisation team will be visiting all secondary schools across Oxfordshire in the Spring term to offer all students in years 8-11 the second dose of the covid-19 vaccine. **No vaccines will be administered without valid consent.**

If you choose for your child to receive their second vaccination in school, you will need to submit another Consent Form which you can access via the link in the letter accompanying this Information Pack.

If any of the following statements are true please arrange for your child to be vaccinated in a community clinic by booking an appointment through the [National Booking Service](#).

1. **My child is in Year 7.** The Covid-19 vaccine is not licensed for anyone under 12 years and children who are 12 years old and in Year 7 are able to access the vaccination through the [National Booking Service](#)
2. **My child has had a positive PCR test in the last 12 weeks.** Your child will not be able to be vaccinated in any setting if they have had a positive PCR test in the 12 weeks before the second vaccination.
3. **My child had their first Covid Vaccination less than 12 weeks ago.** Your child will not be able to be vaccinated in any setting until at least 12 weeks has passed since their first Covid-19 vaccination.

If you have any questions relating to the Covid-19 vaccine please call 119 or email bobcovid.schoolimmsqueries@nhs.net

Yours Sincerely
Oxfordshire School-aged Immunisation Team

Covid-19 Vaccine FAQs

Where can I find information on COVID-19 vaccination for children?

Links to the Information leaflets for parents and children on the vaccine, including how it works and what to expect after COVID-19 vaccination are below. There are accessible versions of the leaflets available for those with a learning disability or who live with autism. There are braille and British Sign Language (BSL) videos to order or download. Translations will also be available.

[COVID-19 vaccination – a guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/98421/covid-19_vaccination_-_a_guide_for_children_and_young_people.pdf) updated 2/12/21

[What to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination – Advice for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/98421/what_to_expect_after_your_covid-19_vaccination_-_advice_for_children_and_young_people.pdf) updated 2/12/21

When do the vaccinations need to be given?

The second dose of the COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 12-15 will be due at least 12 weeks after the first dose and will commence early in 2022. The vaccine will be offered in all secondary schools however parents may choose to book an appointment through the [National Booking Service](https://www.nhs.uk/booking/) for the vaccine to be given at their convenience. The date(s) that we will be visiting your child's school are on the letter accompanying this pack.

Who will be giving the vaccine to the children?

The programme will be delivered by an NHS commissioned School-aged Immunisation team (SAI) which will include nurses, administrative staff, and other associated professionals who specialise in the delivery of school age vaccinations. The team will administer the vaccination according to nationally agreed standards. Staff are appropriately qualified, trained (including in safeguarding) and experienced in vaccinating children and young people. Staff administering the vaccine will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment.

How will the SAIS provider team identify the children to be vaccinated in school?

The link to the electronic consent form is in the letter sent with this Information Pack. An electronic consent form will need to be completed for each individual child, who is eligible for vaccination even if a Consent Form was completed for the first dose. The form will need to be completed at least two full working days in advance of your child's school session to allow time for the clinical nursing team to triage and ensure that your child can receive the vaccination safely. If you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated, then non-consent can also be provided by the same link.

The team will then have a list of all children for whom consent has been received in advance of the immunisation session.

What about those children turning 12 years of age within the school year, after the date of the vaccination session?

SAIS providers will offer vaccination to all children aged 12 years and over on the day of the school visit. However young people in year 7 may be 11 years at the time the consent form is sent out and turning 12 years when the session takes place, which means that we cannot guarantee a safe system of only consenting those students who will be 12 years old at the time of the session. Therefore, the cohort of Year 7 students who may already be 12 years old will be able to book their vaccination through the [National Booking Service](#)

What do I do if I change my mind and wish to withdraw consent?

Please resubmit the Consent Form declining the vaccination AND send a note with your child on the day of vaccination, marked for the attention of the Immunisation Team, stating that you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

What do I do if my child has positive PCR test following submission of the Consent Form; they receive their vaccination in another setting or any medical information changes?

Please resubmit the Consent Form providing the new information AND send a note with your child on the day of vaccination, marked for the attention of the Immunisation Team, with the relevant information included eg date of positive PCR test, date of vaccination etc.

Is there a Covid Pass available for my child?

Please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/get-your-covid-pass-letter/>. For further information on how you can apply for a Covid Pass.

**How to
contact us**

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