

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 17 years are now being offered the COVID-19 vaccination.

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 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.

We are delighted to inform you that we will be visiting your child's school on 5th and/or 8th November. We have been able to pull together a team of specialised staff to deliver the vaccine programme in your child's school who will be able to support your child through the process.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please complete the online consent form if you haven't already done so.

Please complete the online consent form at: <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft>

To use the consent form you will need to enter **one** of the following details for your child:

- NHS number or
- Legal surname, their date of birth and postcode

Alternatively, you are able to book an appointment at one of our partner providers using the National Booking System accessed via: [Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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Please note:

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.

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

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

[COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people – guidance for parents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) .

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/chg/pages/900.aspx

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

Kind regards

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

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