

# Vaccine Information for Parents and Guardians of 12-17 year olds



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**The COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available for 12-17 year olds. The vaccines are safe and effective and there are different routes for 12-15 and 16-17 year olds.**

## 12-15 year olds

Family sessions are available either via the National Booking System or at a drop-in session at one of our Vaccination Sites. Drop-in sessions have been set up during certain times specifically for families with children who are 12-15. The whole family are welcome to have their vaccinations at the same time. In Bedford the sites are Bedford Heights, Manton Lane and The Village Pharmacy in Great Denham. For the latest drop in times and information, please visit [www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/drop-in](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/drop-in).

Young people in this age group will receive two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to give them the best protection and prevent the spread of COVID-19. You will need to attend the clinic with your child and consent to the vaccination on their behalf. If your child has recently tested positive for COVID-19, they should wait 12 weeks (84 days) from the positive test / onset of symptoms before attending. The 2nd dose will be offered 12 weeks after their 1st dose.

## 16-17 year olds

Young people in this age group can now receive their 1st, 2nd and booster vaccines at any vaccination site as a walk-in or with a booked appointment. There are several sites offering walk-in appointments. Latest times and information can be found here [www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/drop-in](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/drop-in).

You do not need to attend the clinic with your child as 16-17 year olds can provide consent themselves. However, you are welcome to come along and support your child through their appointment.

If your child has recently tested positive, they should wait 12 weeks from the positive test/onset of symptoms before having a vaccination (1st, 2nd or booster). 2nd doses for 16-17 year olds will be given no sooner than 12 weeks (84 days) after the 1st dose. If it has been 3 months (91 days) since their 2nd dose, then 16-17 year olds are now eligible for the booster vaccine.

## Useful Links



NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Website: [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination)  
Find out more information and book your vaccine via this link or by calling 119.



Young people can get information, expert advice, and answers to frequently asked questions, plus lots of videos and myth busters: [www.everythingcovid.info](http://www.everythingcovid.info)



See the local NHS Website for more information including drop-ins:  
[www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/covid-19)



A webinar Bedford Borough Council ran with parents, a local GP and the Chief Officer for Public Health: <https://youtu.be/QvTZBjwiRSM>



We understand that getting to a vaccination site can be difficult, so we offer free transport to support you: [www.bedford.gov.uk/vaxi-cab](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/vaxi-cab)

Scan this QR code  
with your phone to  
book your COVID-19  
vaccination on  
the NHS website:

