

NHS spring COVID-19 vaccination

Invitation for parents or carers of children: Plain text

This letter is to let you know you can book a spring COVID-19 vaccine for your child.

COVID-19 is a virus. Sometimes it's called coronavirus and it's very easy to catch

Some children are more likely to get very poorly from COVID-19.

They have a health condition or take medicine that means their bodies don't fight off infection.

They can have the COVID-19 vaccine – this includes babies from 6 months, small children to teenagers aged 15 years old.

The vaccine will help to stop them getting very poorly.

You can check the list of health conditions and treatments that can increase your child's risk of becoming very poorly with COVID-19 at www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination.

How to book your child's COVID-19 vaccine

You can book your child's COVID-19 vaccine online at www.nhs.uk/bookcovid.

You may be asked if your child is at increased risk and needs the vaccine. Answer '**yes**' for this question.

Or you can take your child to a COVID-19 walk in site. You do not need to book to do this.

To find one near you, go online at www.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in.

If you need help booking your child's vaccine

You can **phone 119** for free.

You can ask someone you trust to help you make the call.

If you need someone who speaks a different language, please tell us when you call.

If you need **British Sign Language**, you can go online at www.signvideo.co.uk/nhs119.

Or you can text: **18001 119**.

Please arrange your child's COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can.

More information

The COVID-19 vaccine will reduce your child's risk of getting really ill.

But over time it doesn't work as well.

Having the spring vaccine will top up your child's protection.

Your child can get the COVID 19 vaccine for free. You should not give any money or bank details.

You can read more about COVID 19 and the vaccine online at www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine.

This website is not easy read.

You can also ask your healthcare professional for more information.

There's also more information in the easy read guide to the COVID vaccine online at www.england.nhs.uk/learning-disabilities/vaccines

Please make sure your child has had all the NHS vaccinations they need.

You can check online at www.nhs.uk/nhs-vaccinations or ask your child's doctor's (GP) surgery.