

COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people

Information for parents, carers and schools April 2022

We wanted to update you on plans for vaccinating children aged 5-11 years.

You may be aware that arrangements to vaccinate children aged 5-11 years who are **at most risk** of becoming seriously unwell with Covid -19 have been in place for a few weeks. These children should have received an NHS invitation to book an appointment.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has now extended the opportunity to have your child vaccinated, to include **ALL** children aged 5-11 years, regardless of any underlying health conditions.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has approved the vaccine as safe for this age group, and millions of children in the USA have had a dose already to help protect against future waves of the virus. While the majority of children with Covid will experience mild symptoms, the virus is still causing some to miss out on their education and activities that they enjoy.

Parents/carers of all children aged 5-11 years are being given the opportunity to take up this offer and will receive an NHS letter about how they can book an appointment for their child.

In Bolton, plans are now in place for this programme of vaccination.

To book an appointment via the National Booking System (NBS), call 119 or visit:
<https://bit.ly/bookNBS>

In addition, we have some established walk-in sites that are able to vaccinate this age group without the need for a pre-booked appointment. Details of these sites are published on the NHS Bolton CCG social media channels and website: <https://bit.ly/Boltonvaxclinics>.

If there are any members of your family who have yet to receive any dose of the vaccine, it is not too late. You will be able to attend one of the designated walk-in clinics to receive your vaccinations as a family unit.

More information about the vaccine for children is available in this guide: <https://bit.ly/5-11guide>.

Kind regards,



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