

Frequently Asked Questions COVID vaccinations: 5 to 11-year-olds

My child is eligible because they are aged 5-11. Where can my child receive their vaccine?

If you would like your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, you can either choose to book them vaccination appointments through <http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine> or by calling 119.

Alternatively, you can take your child to any of a number of walk-in clinics that are offered to children 5-11. *Additional walk-in opportunities may be available on some days.* Please check the latest information via <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk>.

Please note that you or another parent or carer must accompany your child to their vaccination.

My child has recently had COVID. How long do I need to wait until I can get my child vaccinated?

Your child should not attend a vaccine appointment if they are self-isolating, waiting for a COVID-19 test or you are unsure if they are fit and well.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, you should wait at least 12 weeks until you can get your child vaccinated.

If your child is in an at-risk group, you should wait 4 weeks from the test for your child to have their first or second vaccine.

To check if your child is considered at-risk, you can find a list on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/who-is-at-high-risk-from-coronavirus/>

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, but has not had a test, they should wait until their symptoms are better before they get a COVID-19 vaccine. You can talk to a healthcare professional at the vaccination site about this.

Which COVID-19 vaccine will my child get?

Children will get a specific type of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine which has been developed especially for this age group. This vaccine is formally known as the Corminaty 10ug Vaccine.

Most children can get a 2nd dose at least 12 weeks after they had their 1st dose.

If your child has a condition that means they're at high risk from COVID-19 or they live with someone who has a weakened immune system, they can get a 2nd dose from 8 weeks after they had their 1st dose.

Where can I find out more about the vaccination for my child?

If you would like to find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination for your child, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years>. Our colleagues at Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) NHS Trust have also put together a very helpful video which can support you to explain the vaccination process to your child. You can view this video [here](#).

How do I know the vaccine is safe for my child?

The COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the UK have met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness. The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has reviewed extensive clinical evidence for the safety of giving the COVID-19 vaccine to children and young people and have determined it to be safe and effective.

What side effects will my child have?

The COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the UK have met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness. They can cause some side effects in children, but not everyone gets them.

Any side effects are usually mild and should only last 1 or 2 days, such as:

- a sore arm from the injection
- feeling tired
- a headache
- feeling achy
- flu-like symptoms including shivering (chills)

More serious side effects, such as heart inflammation (myocarditis), are very rare.

My child turns 5 soon; when can I book their vaccination appointment?

Your child can get a 1st dose at a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site from the day they turn 5.

Alternatively, you can book your child's 1st dose online from the day they turn 5, or over the phone via 119.

Will you offer the COVID-19 vaccination in primary schools going forwards – if so, could I wait to get my child vaccinated until you do?

There are currently no plans to offer the COVID-19 vaccination to children aged 5-11 in schools. If you would like your child to get the COVID-19 vaccination, please bring them to a walk-in clinic or book them an appointment.