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School Aged Immunisations Team

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

COVID-19 vaccination for 12-15 year olds

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As you will be aware, the vaccination programme for young people aged 12-15 has commenced in schools across the country. In addition to the scheduled school programme, we are now able to offer specific follow up sessions at our large vaccination centres in Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight on dedicated days. These sessions are available for anyone who was unable to make the scheduled school session; for young people who are home schooled and or anyone whom may have changed his/her mind since their first vaccination offer. The sessions will have limited capacity available and you will be required to phone first and make an appointment.

If you would like your child to attend one of the sessions, we will require the following:

- 1. Please choose a site to attend for vaccination**
- 2. Phone the number below to make an appointment**
- 3. Complete the consent form attached and bring with you to the session; we encourage you to make this decision together with your child/children where possible**
- 4. Please ensure your child's NHS number is completed on the form**
<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/>
- 5. Please write your child's school name or identify that they are home schooled at the top of the consent form**
- 6. Please ensure that your child attends the session either with yourself or somebody with parental responsibility.**
- 7. In order to make the vaccination process easier for your child please ensure they have eaten before they come along, that they bring a drink with them and if possible that they are wearing short sleeved clothing**
- 8. Please bring with you a copy of this letter and your child's completed consent form (see link below).**

As a reminder, anyone aged 12 to 15 years old is eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Venues available and telephone numbers to call to book an appointment
phone line open Monday - Friday 0900 - 1700:

- Southampton - Oakley Road Vaccination Centre, Oakley Road, Millbrook, Southampton, SO16 4GX **TEL: 02380 296944**
- Portsmouth - Vaccination Centre, St James Hospital, Entrance off Edenbridge Road, Southsea, Post Code: PO4 8PF TE : **07912478618.**
- Isle of Wight - Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR **TEL: 07876137582**

There is limited capacity at these sessions therefore you may experience a short wait or asked to come back at a later time.

Further dates may be advertised over the coming weeks with the possibility of being able to book an appointment online.

If you have any questions you can email the following address - hsiccg.covid.vaccination.enquiries@nhs.net

Your support helps us protect the health of all the children within your school and the wider community.

As a reminder you do not need to be registered with a GP, or bring any form of identification with you to have a COVID vaccination, however if you have an NHS number it is useful to bring this along with you. Anyone aged 16 or over can book their first and second (if applicable) vaccination online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or for any walk in opportunities please use <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/> .

If you have already had your first vaccination and are aged 18 and above (or turning 18 within 3 months) you need to wait 8 weeks before having your second vaccination. Booster vaccinations are currently being offered to anyone aged 50 and over; aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts you at high risk from COVID-19 or a frontline health or social care worker. Unless you are a frontline health or social care worker please wait to be contacted by the NHS before booking your booster dose.

For all COVID vaccinations please wait for 4 weeks (28 days) to have your vaccination if you've had a positive COVID-9 test, starting from the date you had the test.

Please see more detail about the COVID vaccination and what to expect below (please scan QR codes via your smart phone)



If your child aged 12-16 has missed their school flu vaccination, you can rebook this via the original email link sent to you by your child's school and choose the community clinic option to book an appointment – this will not be at the same time as any COVID vaccination booked.

Yours faithfully,

Solent NHS Trust School Aged Immunisation Team