



## **Key things to know about the HPV vaccination programme and COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people**

1. The HPV Vaccination will be offered to all students in school Years 8,9 & 10 (Year 10 is due to school closures due to pandemic). Please refer to the parent/guardian letter for more information.

Currently children aged 12 and over are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

2. As with other vaccinations, consent is needed before young people can have either the HPV vaccine or the COVID-19 vaccine.

All parents, or those with parental responsibility, are asked for consent and will usually make this decision jointly with their children. Separate consent must be given for each vaccination.

In secondary schools, some young people may be mature enough to provide their own consent. This sometimes occurs if a parent has not returned a consent form, but the child still wishes to have the vaccine on the day of the session. Every effort will be made to contact the parent to seek their verbal consent.

This is a well-established process which you will be familiar with from other school-based vaccination programmes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/COVID-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools>

3. There are other important vaccines that children and young people should also get before they start school and during their time at school. We would encourage parents and guardians to check their children are up to date with these vaccinations. More information on what vaccinations children and young people should have is at:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

4. Will school children get the HPV and COVID-19 vaccine on the same day?

Yes - If you give consent for your child to receive both the vaccines, they will be co-administered during the same school-based vaccination session.

HPV and COVID-19 are completely different viruses. They have different vaccines to protect people from becoming seriously ill. Therefore, young people that are eligible for the HPV vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine should get both.

Each vaccine is consented **separately** so that families can consent for one, both or neither vaccines independently.

### **COVID-19 vaccination**

- Anyone aged 12 and over is eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Most 12 to 15 year olds will be offered two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine through their school or via local offer.
- JCVI currently advises that a third vaccine dose **ONLY** to be offered to those individuals aged 12 years and over who had severe immunosuppression in proximity to their first or second COVID-19 doses.
- Currently children under the age of 12 years are not being offered the COVID-19 vaccine.

More info on who can get the COVID-19 vaccine:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/)

### **Where to have the COVID vaccine?**

<b>Child's age</b>	<b>Where you can have the vaccine</b>
12- to 15-year-olds 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses	School or Mass vaccination centre

Home-educated children 12- to 15-year-olds 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses	Mass vaccination centre
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## **HPV vaccination**

The HPV vaccine is offered to:

- school aged children from Year 8. The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. (From September 2019 the HPV vaccine was extended to boys in year 8)
- The HPV vaccine is given as 2 injections; 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the HPV vaccine is routinely offered to girls and boys aged 12 and 13 in school Year 8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is offered in Year 9.
- People who have the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the HPV vaccine at 15 years of age or above will need to have 3 doses of the vaccine. This is because they do not respond as well to 2 doses as younger people do.

### **Where to have the HPV vaccine?**

<b>Child's age</b>	<b>Where to have the HPV vaccine</b>
Year 8 to Year 10	School or Community clinic
Home-educated children (Year 8 to Year 10 )	Community clinic

More information on the HPV vaccine for children:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>