

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Chief Medical Officers advice, all children and young people aged 12-15 are now being offered the opportunity to receive a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer). The current position is for all children in this age group to receive two doses.

The vaccine cannot give them COVID-19 and will reduce their chance of suffering from COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective and it takes a few weeks for your body to build up protection from the virus. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having two doses; however, this should lessen the severity of any infection. Vaccines can cause side effects; most are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them. More details are available in the leaflet 'A Guide for Children and Young People', which can be found by using the web link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17>

Schools are being asked to host the vaccination sessions for 12-15 year olds, which means that students will be able to have the vaccine during the school day, if consent is provided. The vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff, following the usual approach to vaccinations that are undertaken at school.

If you would like to discuss the vaccine, further please **do not** contact the school, instead contact the Community and School Aged Immunisation Service on:

0300 790 0597 Option1 - Essex, Southend, Thurrock

0300 790 0594 - Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes

To ensure your child(re)n receives their vaccine, please complete the consent form [here](#) by 11th February

This form can be used for either first or second dose.



Yours faithfully,

Essex Partnership Trust Community and School Aged Immunisation Service

Additional Information:

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- **Mother:** automatic
- **Father:** if married to mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- **Unmarried father:** if name appears on birth certificate (since 01.12.03) or legally acquired
- **Others:** if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- **Parental Responsibility Agreement:** signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- **Residence Order:** granted by the Court

Immunisation Service Privacy Notice - May 2018

Who is collecting the data?

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Service is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

What data is being collected?

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

What is the legal basis for processing the data?

Section 9(2)(h) allows for the processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

Will the data be shared with any third parties?

Your child's data will be shared with their general practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

How will the information be used?

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

How long will the data be stored for?

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned onto their record.

What rights does the data subject have?

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.

How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this privacy notice, please contact:

Our Data Protection Officer: **Epunft.dpo@nhs.net** **Tel: 01268 407724**

Or the Information Governance team: **Epunft.info.gov@nhs.net**

Or the Information Commissioner Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Web: **<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>** **Tel: 0303 123 1113**