



South West London
Clinical Commissioning Group

South West London Covid-19 vaccination programme



Bringing together Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth



Overview

- The coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccine is safe and effective. It will give you the best protection against coronavirus.
- Anyone over 12 is now eligible for a Covid-19 vaccine. Appointments can be booked at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination, by calling 119 or by walking to selected sites across South West London. Clinically extremely vulnerable 5-11 year olds are also eligible for a vaccine and will be contacted by their GP or hospital.
- It is never too late to get the Covid-19 vaccine. If you have any concerns speak to your GP or a healthcare professional. You can also visit one of our walk-in vaccination clinics and talk to the staff about your options.
- Data shows that vaccinations have saved over 130,000 lives across the UK. Vaccinations remain our best defence against the virus with recent research showing that the risk of death involving Covid-19 is 93% lower for those who have had a booster, or third dose compared to those who are unvaccinated.



Why use a vaccine?

- When enough people get vaccinated, it's harder for a disease to spread to those who can't have vaccines.
- Getting vaccinated protects you, your family, friends, and community. It's much safer for your immune system to learn to fight illnesses through vaccination than by catching and treating them.
- Research has shown the vaccines help reduce your risk of getting seriously ill or dying from Covid-19, reduce your risk of catching or spreading Covid-19 and protect you against Covid-19 variants.
- There is a chance you might still get or spread Covid-19 even if you have a vaccine, so it's important to follow advice about how to avoid [catching and spreading Covid-19](#).



Is the NHS confident the vaccines are safe?

- The vaccines approved for use in the UK have met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness set out by the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
- Any Covid-19 vaccine that is approved must go through all the clinical trials and safety checks all other licensed medicines go through. The MHRA follows international standards of safety.
- So far, millions of people have been given a Covid-19 vaccine and reports of serious side effects have been very rare.



Covid-19 vaccine eligibility

COVID-19 vaccination - what can you get?



IF YOU ARE...	YOU CAN GET...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 75+ or you live in a care home for older adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • Booster from three months (91 days) after second dose • Spring booster around 182 days (six months) after previous dose, unless invited earlier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 18 to 74 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • Booster from three months (91 days) after second dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 16 to 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least 12 weeks apart • Booster from three months (91 days) after second dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 12+ and you are, or have been, immunosuppressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • If severely immunosuppressed at the time of earlier doses, a third primary dose, typically eight weeks after second dose (timing may vary and should be discussed with a clinician) • Booster dose and spring booster from three months (91 days) after previous dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 12-15 and with a health condition that puts you at higher risk from COVID-19, or you are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • Booster from three months (91 days) after second dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 12-15 and not in any of the above groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • Booster dose under review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 5-11 with a health condition that puts you at higher risk from COVID-19, or you are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two doses, at least eight weeks apart • Booster dose under review

To book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccine or call 119.
For information on walk-in sites available near you visit www.nhs.uk/vaccine-walk-in.

Please note: If you've had a positive COVID-19 test, you need to wait before getting any dose of the vaccine. You need to:

- wait 4 weeks (28 days) if you're aged 18 years old or over
- wait 12 weeks (84 days) if you're aged 12 to 17 years old
- wait 4 weeks (28 days) if you're aged 12 to 17 years old and at [high-risk from COVID-19](#)

Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

- The JCVI recommends that 5-11 year olds be offered the vaccine, which has been approved by the UK's medicines regulator, to boost immunity and increase their protection against any future waves of Covid-19.
- From early April, you'll be able to get your child vaccinated at a site and time convenient for you – at vaccination centres, pharmacies and GPs offering jabs for this age group. When booking opens you can view these sites and make an appointment through the National Booking Service or by calling 119.
- Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over. If a child has had Covid-19 they will still get extra protection from the vaccine, but they will need to wait 12 weeks before getting vaccinated.
- Please check our website for the latest information on the vaccination programme: <https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/covid/>



Spring booster programme

In February, the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#) advised a [spring dose](#) of the Covid-19 vaccine for:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in care homes for older adults
- individuals aged 12 years and over who have a weakened immune system

The NHS will contact those who are eligible to make a spring booster appointment, so people should wait until they hear from the NHS.

The NHS will prioritise those whose clinical need is greatest, as it has throughout, starting with those who have had a bigger gap since their last dose, then working through the cohort to invite others who have waited less time.

Everyone who is eligible will be offered a top up between three and six months over the Spring and early Summer.



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People aged 75 and over are now eligible for their Spring COVID-19 booster vaccine.

The NHS will contact you.

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Have you got questions about the vaccine? Come and Have a Chat

Unsure about getting vaccinated? Worried about side effects, needles or just uncertain about which vaccine you will receive? You can get the answers to all your questions at local vaccination sites across South West London, with no pressure to get the jab.

Nurses, pharmacists and other clinical staff are on hand to talk through any issues away from the main vaccinating area, as every effort is made to ensure everyone has the information they need to make a decision about the vaccine.

To speak to someone about the Covid-19 vaccine, you can:

- Book an appointment at shopping centres Centrale, Croydon or St Nicholas, Sutton using the form below. You will receive a response to confirm your booking within 24 hours. If you are booked in for an appointment to have a conversation at one of these vaccination centres, please make yourself known to a member of staff.
- Call 0203 8800338. When you call, we will book you in for a telephone appointment at a time that suits you or book you in for a face to face appointment if preferred. Please note that charges may apply.
- Walk in to any of our clinics across [South West London](#).



Tell us what you think...



Help us to understand your thoughts about vaccinations for children and young people

Are you a parent or carer of someone aged under 18? Tell us what you think

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/under18surveyLIVE

Currently all individuals 12+ and at risk 5-11 year olds are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination

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- This Spring, we want to hear from local parents about the vaccination programme for children and young people aged under 18. Your feedback will help us to shape our approach and give you best information about the Covid-19 vaccine so that you can make an informed decision. Fill in the survey for a chance to be entered into a £100 prize draw.
- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/under18surveyLIVE>



How you can help us.....

Please share below key messages on your social media platforms, WhatsApp groups, word of month etc.

- . [Blog](#)
- . Asset explaining eligibility - [Covid-19 eligibility poster](#)
- . [SWL assets](#)

