



A letter to all parents or carers of 12 to 15 year old students

Dear Parent/Carer,

Walk-in Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinic for 12 to 15 year olds over half-term

If your child is over 12 years old and has not yet received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination at school, you can take them to a walk-in vaccination clinic at University Hospital Lewisham running on three days over half-term.

Young people aged between 12 and 18 years only need one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, provided they are not clinically extremely vulnerable.

Any young person must be at least 12 years old on the day of the vaccination.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised parents and carers to get their child(ren) vaccinated against COVID-19 because the risks of vaccination are outweighed by the wider benefits of reducing potential unseen harm from further school absence and loss of education.

We know many of our children and young people in Lewisham have been impacted by school closures and isolating at home. Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against COVID-19 and getting your child vaccinated is the best way to keep them safe and not miss school.

Details of the half-term, walk-in clinic are:

Dates: Tuesday, 26 October; Wednesday 27 October; and Thursday 28 October 2021.

Time: 9am-4.30pm.

Venue: Lessof Auditorium, Education Centre, University Hospital Lewisham, High Street, Lewisham SE13 6LH.

No appointment is needed but you will need to accompany your child and complete a consent form at the [clinic](#).

Finding out more

If you have concerns or questions about COVID-19 vaccination, either for your child or for yourself, there are a number of ways to find out more. These include:

- *South-east London Vaccine Facts* – The NHS in South East London has established a website with information at [nhsseondonvaccinefacts.com](https://nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/vaccine-facts).
- *Lewisham vaccination helpline* - You can also book a free, impartial and confidential conversation with a Lewisham healthcare professional in one of over 200 languages. Book online at <https://modality.simplybook.it/v2/> or by calling 07828 499044.

With kind regards,



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