

Covid 19 Vaccinations: Parent/carer's and young people

Newham SEND parent forum

25th March 2021

What we will cover?

1. Who are in the priority groups- Dr Shermina Sayani
 1. Young people
 2. Parent/carer's
2. How can the above groups get the vaccine? Marie Trueman-Able
3. What happens at the vaccination centre? Dr Elizabeth Goodyear
Newham GP
4. Vaccine safety and efficacy. Dr Adeola Agbebiyi.
5. Questions and answers – Panel

What we won't cover – individual patient queries – if you want specific advice for yourself or your child please speak to your GP.

Children and young people – cohorts

Priority group Four

- Young people aged 16-17 who are clinically extremely vulnerable
- Children and young people aged 12-18 who are:
 - Regularly in specialised residential care settings
 - AND have neurodisabilities
 - AND tend to have recurrent respiratory tract infections.
- Young people aged 16-17 who work in frontline health and social care settings (or training in)

Priority Group Six

- Young people aged 16-17 who have underlying health conditions – chronic respiratory, cardiac, kidney or liver diseases, diabetes, morbid obesity, immunosuppression, asplenia or dysfunction of spleen
- Young people aged 16-17 with chronic neurological diseases – including a learning disability, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, Downs syndrome,
- Young people aged 16-17 with a serious mental illness (SMI) e.g. bipolar disorder
- Young carer's aged 16+

**Pfizer – licensed for
16+
AstraZeneca – licensed
for 18+**

**Fullness of time –
likely will need to
offer vaccine to all
16-17 year olds**

Parents and Carer's – cohorts

Guidance footnote on priority group 6:

- All individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality.
- Their main carer (including parent) can get a vaccine.
- This includes those who are:
 - in receipt of a carer's allowance
 - or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill

How to get the vaccine – young people

1. CCG working with GPs and other children's clinicians to:
 - Ensure GPs have a list (from their records) of all eligible young people
 - Share lists from children's clinicians (e.g. child development centre, CAMHS) with vaccine hubs of eligible young people
 - This should mean that we identify all young people and get an invite out to them.
 - We have already ensured that all those young people aged 16-17 who are in priority group 4 (clinically extremely vulnerable) have been identified and invited for a vaccine.
2. From 15th March you can also book on the national website for a vaccine <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
3. If you have any issues booking a vaccine, contact your GP who should be able to get you booked in.

How to get the vaccine – parent/carer's

1. From 15th March you can also book on the national website for a vaccine: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
2. It may help to register yourself with your GP as a carer or have proof of receiving carer's allowance.
3. If you have any issues booking a vaccine, contact your GP who should be able to support you.

Questions:

- Will vaccines be compulsory?
- How will children with a needle phobia be helped to have a vaccine?
- Will teachers and support staff in schools be vaccinated?
- Is the vaccine safe for children with Downs Syndrome?
- Are there any children with disabilities or medical conditions who should not have the vaccine?
- What are the side effects for the vaccine?
- Can parent /carers choose which vaccine to have?
- What help is there for single parents who may be ill after having the vaccine?
- There is a lot of news about vaccine shortage-what happens if people don't get the second jab?
- Can you provide the statistics on the different vaccine's?
- Is there any information on vaccines being developed for children?

Useful websites and videos on covid and the vaccine:

- <https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/ourplans/covid-19.htm>
- This includes:
- Easy read information and videos for people with a learning disability
- Videos in community languages from health professionals
- Videos that respond to common myths about vaccines
- We are also running video calls for young people, parents and carer's who can talk to local Doctors (including Paediatricians). These are being set up and information will be shared with parent forums, schools, health services and voluntary sector groups to ensure you know about them.
- National NHS website link to vaccine information - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Key Guidance

Independent report: Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation: advice on priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination, 30 December 2020. Updated 6 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020>

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