

Covid-19 FAQs

If my child has missed getting their vaccination in school, where can they get it done?

From Friday 5th November, the online booking system will open for 12-15 year olds to have their Covid-19 vaccination at the Southend Civic Centre vaccination site. Please check [the NHS website](#) nearer the time to book an appointment.

Who can I call if I have questions or concerns about my child's vaccination?

You can call EPUT (Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust) who are delivering the school vaccination programme: **0300 790 0597**

Why should I regularly test my child?

Covid-19 remains with us and 1 in 3 people do not show the usual symptoms of: temperature, cough and loss of taste or smell. We want children to be able to continue attending school safely and the best way for them to do that is regular, twice weekly testing with lateral flow device tests (LFDs).

How do I get test kits for my children?

If your school, workplace or local pharmacy cannot give you home LFD kits, you can order them from the [gov.uk website](#) to be delivered directly to your home. Other advice and support services are in place, and you can find out more by visiting the [Council's website](#).

What other measures can I take to keep my children safe?

- if your child is a close contact, make sure they take a PCR test
- wash your hands regularly
- ventilate indoor areas
- and wear a face covering in crowded places



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