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## **National booking service opening for booking 12-15 year old COVID-19 vaccinations outside of school**

The Government has announced that from the end of this week, parents of 12-15 year olds can book a COVID-19 vaccination for their child directly through the COVID-19 vaccination **national booking service**.

This will allow you to book your child's COVID-19 vaccination at one of mass vaccination centres such as the Etihad Campus site in Manchester. This offer is also likely to extend to a number of other local community based vaccination sites (such as community pharmacies and other centres) over the coming days, but please note that these may not be available straight away.

This offer is in **addition** to the in-school vaccination programme being delivered by the NHS School Health Service immunisation teams that has already visited the school. It is designed to give you more options for accessing the vaccination if you have decided you want your child to be vaccinated.

Importantly, you can also use the service for booking a vaccination if your child missed their vaccination if they were absent from school on the day the immunisation team visited or consent was not received in time. Please bear in mind that if your child has had a positive COVID test you will have to wait 28 days from the date of the test (or when their symptoms started) before being able to be vaccinated.

### **How to book using the national booking service**

Booking for 12-15 year olds is due to open on the National Booking Service from the end of Friday (22 October). There are two main ways to book using the national booking service:

#### **To book online:**

- Visit [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination)

#### **To book on the phone:**

- If you cannot book your appointment online, phone **119** free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. You can ask someone else to do this for you. Please let us know if you need an interpreter.
- You can use text phone **18001 119** or the NHS British Sign Language interpreter service at [www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119](https://www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119)

Thank you.