



COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE



Guidance for children and young
people with kidney disease

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COVID-19 & children: what we know

- Almost all children and young people are at very low risk from COVID-19. This includes most children and young people with kidney disease. If present, symptoms are generally few and mild.
- Between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, 108 cases of COVID-19 in children with chronic kidney disease were reported to the UK Renal Registry. One death was reported in a child with serious underlying health conditions.
- From July 2021, the UK Joint Committee on Vaccination & Immunisation (JCVI) recommends that children who may be at increased risk of serious COVID-19 disease are offered the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Who is eligible for vaccination?

**Children and
young people aged
12 years or older**

- Who are on dialysis
- Who are on medicines that reduce (suppress) their immune system.
- Who are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant
- Who live with a person who has a reduced immune system

**Young people aged
16 years or older**

- Who meet any of the above criteria
- Who have Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) stages 3-5

Kidney transplantation in children aged 12 years or older

We recommend vaccination pre-transplant if possible but this should not delay a planned operation. Vaccination can instead be given after transplantation.

We recommend that you attend for vaccination if you or your child are invited to do so. To gain full protection, it is important you receive both vaccine doses.



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