



COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE



**Guidance for children and young
people with kidney disease
September 2021**

Children and young people continue to be at low risk of serious infection from COVID-19 infection. The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation have looked at the evidence and recommend a course of COVID-19 vaccination in children and young people with underlying health conditions. Our advice for children and young people with kidney disease is described below.

Who should receive COVID-19 vaccination?



All children and young people aged 12 years or older

- On dialysis
- With a kidney transplant
- On medicines to reduce their immune system (immunosuppression)
- Who live with someone who is immunosuppressed

All young people aged 16 years or older

- Who have Chronic Kidney Disease, stages 3-5

How many doses?

2

Two doses:

- If you have CKD stages 3-5
- If you live with someone who is immunosuppressed

3

Three doses:

- If you are on immunosuppression
- If you are on dialysis
- If you have a kidney transplant

Where possible, vaccination should be given 2 weeks after the period of immunosuppression, or when the immunosuppressive effect of the medicine is lowest.

A booster vaccine will be given to young people aged 16 years or older meeting the criteria above. This will be 6 months after completing the primary course.

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 the recommended number of vaccine doses.



<https://ukkidney.org/health-professionals/covid-19/bapn-resources>