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| |  | | --- | | Parents and carers of children aged between 5 and 11 years old who are most at risk of COVID-19 (or who are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed), are being urged to book their child in for their vaccination as soon as they are invited to  More than 6,200 eligible children are being offered the protection of vaccination Sussex, and vaccination teams are currently contacting families and arranging their appointments at specific clinics for this age group.  Parents and carers are being advised to wait for the NHS to contact them for when it is their child’s turn to get the vaccine.  As part of the local vaccination programme, vaccination services across Sussex are holding dedicated sessions by appointment for children and their families to come and get vaccinated.  The team at Eastbourne’s Sovereign Harbour Community Centre vaccination service are going the extra mile to make it as easy as possible for families to help their children receive their life saving vaccinations. The staff from South Downs Health and Care GP Federation have dressed up and have decorated the centre with balloons, bubbles and pictures of their favourite Disney characters, to make the centre a welcoming place for children to help put them at ease.  [Meet the superheroes vaccinating vulnerable children against Covid | ITV News Meridian](https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2022-02-14/meet-the-superheroes-vaccinating-vulnerable-children-against-covid) | |

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| |  | | --- | | The NHS in West Sussex is urging young people to come forward for their COVID-19 vaccinations this half term.  Anyone aged 12 and over can now receive two doses, with anyone aged 16 and over also eligible for a booster.  While children and young people have a break from school this week, the NHS is urging families to use this opportunity to make sure they get their vaccine.  By being vaccinated, young people can benefit from the best protection against COVID-19 and prevent the transmission of the virus as much as possible.  School visits have been taking place across the Sussex, but anyone who missed their school session or was not able to have it at the time, can attend a specific walk-in session or arrange an appointment on the [national booking website](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination.).  People aged between 12 and 15 are eligible for two doses of the COVID vaccine, 12 weeks apart.  Anyone aged over 16 can also attend a walk in vaccination session anywhere in Sussex or arrange an appointment on the [national booking website](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination.). People over 16 are eligible for two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, 8 weeks apart.  On average 64% of Sussex’s 12 – 15 year olds have had a first dose of the vaccine, while 74% of 16-17s have had a at least one vaccination, but there is still more work to be done to get Sussex’s young people fully protected.  Anyone aged under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or carer who can provide consent for them to receive their vaccination.  Find out more about the vaccination programme on the [Sussex Health and Care Partnership website.](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/covid-19-vaccinations/where-can-i-get-my-covid-19-vaccination/walk-in-vaccination-sessions-for-12-15-year-olds/) | |

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