

Quiet COVID-19 vaccination sessions for children and young people requiring support during the process.

Brighton and Hove, February 2023

NHS Sussex is pleased to be able to offer three dedicated 'Quiet COVID-19 Vaccination Sessions' across Brighton and Hove for at risk children and young people aged 5-15 years old who require additional support during the process and, who are eligible and need to get their COVID-19 vaccination.

	WHEN	WHERE
1.	Saturday 4 February At risk children aged 5 -15 years old 11 am – 3 pm	Roundabout Children's Centre Whitehawk Road, Brighton, BN2 5FL
2.	Saturday 11 February At risk children aged 5 -15 years old 10 am – 2 pm	Portslade Health Centre Church Road, Portslade, Brighton, BN41 1LX
3.	Wednesday 15 February At risk children aged 5 -15 years old 9.30 am – 1.30 pm	Brighton Racecourse Premier Hall, Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Road, Brighton, BN2 9XZ

Book your vaccination now by calling the Sussex vaccination team on **0300 303 8060**.

If there is no response, please leave a voicemail and you will receive a call back.

Quiet Sessions are specifically for at risk children and young people who are eligible for their COVID-19 vaccine and aged 5 – 15 years old who may need more time for their appointment, or who have extra access needs where a quieter and calmer environment would help support them to receive their vaccination. This includes:

- those who are neurodivergent
- immunosuppression, and those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- those with learning disabilities
- being on the learning disability register
- those living with Down's syndrome
- those living with long term serious conditions affecting your body. Your GP will know if they need to have the vaccine

Parents and carers are also able to book their appointment at the same time if they need a vaccination too.

Quiet Sessions offer:

- Fewer appointments, so less people will be there during the session
- Longer appointment times as required
- 1:1 care for everyone receiving their vaccination
- Fully accessible vaccinations that are suitable for wheelchair users
- Free transport for anyone who needs it (see below for details)
- A range of different vaccinations, including vaccinations for people requiring their first dose, second dose, first booster dose or the current Autumn Booster.

Which vaccinations will be offered at Quiet Sessions?

The Quiet Sessions will be offering vaccinations for at risk children and young people who are eligible at any stage of their vaccination journey, including those who require their first dose, second dose, first booster or the current Autumn booster.

You can check the latest guidance for which dose you're eligible for at: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by contacting the Sussex Vaccine Enquiries Team by:

- Email here.rovingpatients@nhs.net
- Call the Sussex vaccine enquiry phone line: 0300 303 8060 (open 9 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday).

What happens on arrival at a Quiet Session?

- A nurse will greet each child and their parent or carer, at the entrance and support them through the venue to a quiet and private vaccination area.
- They will take you through all aspects of the process on a 1:1 basis, including clinical assessment and vaccination.
- Each child can bring a parent or carer who can be present throughout their journey. They can also have their vaccination booked at the same time if they are eligible and haven't already received it.
- There will only be one appointment offered every 15-20 minutes, which allows much more time for to give the vaccination in a calm environment and have one nurse per patient to provide support throughout.

Booking Information

Bookings can be made by calling the vaccination team on **0300 303 8060**, who will take relevant details and pass on any additional information to make the journey on the day as smooth as possible. This includes:

- Name and contact details

- Date of birth
- GP name and practice
- Emergency contact details
- Any access requirements or anything that the vaccination team know in advance to provide support in the best way they can on the day.

Free transport available to people booked onto Quiet Vaccination Sessions

Sussex residents who have no means to get to their COVID-19 vaccination appointment can book a free return journey to help them attend.

To book free travel, please book the vaccination appointment first, then call **01444 275 008** to speak to a travel coordinator.

Once you are through to a travel coordinator you will be asked the following questions:

- Do you have access to transport to attend the vaccine appointment?
- Do you have a family member, friend or carer who can help with transport?

If neither of these options are available the travel coordinator will arrange transport, including any additional needs such as wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

All transport providers have signed up to a COVID-19 safety policy to ensure that all precautions are in place for a safe journey.

Home visits if you are unable to travel

For at risk children and young people who are unable to leave their home and require a home vaccination visit, please call **0300 303 8060** to speak to the vaccination team or email here.rovingpatients@nhs.net who will try to book a home visit.

Have any questions or queries?

If you have a question about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme please take a look at our website at Sussex ICS www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination for useful information and FAQs.

If you can't find the answer, please contact the Vaccine Enquiries Team:

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