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Tel

Parent/guardian of [FULL NAME]  
Address  
[CHILD'S FULL NAME]'s COVID-19 vaccinations

Dear parent or guardian of [CHILD'S FIRST NAME],

We are inviting you to arrange for your child to get vaccinated against COVID-19. This is because their NHS record suggests they may be at increased risk from COVID-19. COVID-19 is mild for most infants and young children, but some children with certain medical conditions are at increased risk of getting seriously ill.

Experts have advised that these children should be offered two smaller doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, at least 8 weeks apart.  
Vaccination will lower your child's risk of hospital admission and can help them recover more quickly if they catch COVID-19.

How to arrange your child's vaccinations?

- Please respond to the email highlighted above to let us know whether you would like to **accept or decline** this invitation (by informing us of a definite decline will avoid follow up contact being made) by **21st JULY 2023**.

We require the following information in your reply please:

Childs FULL name:

Childs NHS Number:

Date of Birth:

DECLINE or ACCEPTANCE:

*If accepting please include following...*

Reason for being included in this cohort:

Availability to attend: First week of August/Second week of August/ Later

Contact email address:

Contact Mobile Number:

We will then contact you directly to arrange a convenient date and time for your child's appointment

At your child's appointment you can discuss the vaccination fully with the healthcare professional. They will check that vaccination is suitable for your child and help to answer any questions you may have.

#### More information

For a list of health conditions or treatments that may mean a child is considered to be at increased risk from COVID-19, go to [england.nhs.uk/covid-increased-risk](https://england.nhs.uk/covid-increased-risk).

COVID-19 vaccination is safe and effective, giving better protection than any natural immunity gained from a previous COVID-19 infection. For more on the vaccine, go to [nhs.uk/covidvaccination](https://nhs.uk/covidvaccination).

Like all medicines, the COVID-19 vaccine can cause side effects, but not everyone gets them. Most side effects are mild and should not last for long. Millions of children around the world have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, including over one million children aged 6 months to 4 years. Reports of serious side effects are very rare. For further advice, you can speak to your child's specialist or GP.

We look forward to receiving your reply by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Vaccination Team  
Gloucestershire ICB