

COVID-19 Vaccination for Children in Värmland Aged 12-15 Years

Children aged 12-15 years living in Värmland County can be vaccinated against COVID-19 from the beginning of November. The Public Health Agency of Sweden recommends vaccination for children and youths aged 12 years and above. A child must be at least 12 years of age to receive the vaccine. Children under the age of 12 years will be offered the vaccine at a later date.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is voluntary and free of charge.

Details will be provided by your child's school

Your child's school will provide information about the time and location for COVID-19 vaccination. The parents of children not attending compulsory school (*grundskolan*) should book an appointment for their child's vaccination by calling +46(0)10-831 80 70.

Fill in the consent form & declaration of health

Give your completed **consent form declaration of health** The parents of children under the age of 12 years are also encouraged to submit a consent form and declaration of health now.

The school nurse will open the envelope and make sure that your child's forms have been filled in correctly, so that their vaccination can proceed as smoothly as possible. No other members of the school's staff will have access to the information you provide. No information about vaccination will be stored at the school after the vaccination has been carried out.

Consent form

The consent of both guardians is needed for a child to be vaccinated.

However, in certain cases, your child may be allowed to decide for themselves whether or not to be vaccinated. In such cases, the vaccinator will perform an individual assessment to determine whether your child is mature enough to give their own consent to be vaccinated. This is known as a "maturity assessment" (*mognadsbedömning*). Maturity assessments are primarily intended for children aged 15 years and above.

Declaration of health

Fill in and submit your child's declaration of health as soon as possible. Anyone who answers yes to any of the questions in the declaration of health will need to call Region Värmland's appointment booking service on +46(0)10-831 80 70 to arrange for a medical assessment prior to being vaccinated. If the health advisory service provided via the appointment booking service gives your child the go-ahead to be vaccinated at school, please note this on the declaration of health you submit.

Vaccination for guardians

As your child's guardian, if you are unvaccinated, you will also have the opportunity to be vaccinated under this arrangement, but outside of school hours. **Up-to-date information about times and locations for vaccination will be published on the 1177.se website.**

Please notify your child's school if you wish to accompany your child to their vaccination.