

Families / Parents / Carers

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Dear Families, Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of those families continuing to follow government guidance on COVID. You will be aware that the last phase of lifting COVID restrictions has been delayed to the end of July which I know is disappointing for all, but sensible given the small rise in cases nationally. We have also seen a small rise in cases among Enfield residents including some Delta variant cases.

We wanted to write to all families in Enfield to encourage testing twice a week to identify cases early and protect children's education. We also urge all parents to take up the offer of vaccination as soon as you are able. Good vaccine uptake in our population is our best protection against COVID.

Regular COVID testing is even more important now that we have fewer restrictions.

Why is testing important?

COVID testing is an easy, quick way to identify most cases of COVID early and therefore limit the number of contacts. It's important for children in particular as periods of self-isolation disrupts education.

Where can my family get COVID tests?

Everyone can test in person at a testing site, collect tests from locations across the borough or order tests to be delivered to your home. The link below has all testing related information.


<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/your-council/enfield-response-to-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-in-enfield/>

How often should my family do a COVID test?

We recommend testing twice a week. Regular testing e.g. on a Sunday and midweek will help to identify COVID cases early and reduce the amount of time children spend away from school due to isolation periods.

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 If you need this document in another language or format contact the service using the details above.

Do I need to do COVID tests if I have had a vaccination?

For the moment we are asking everyone, even if they have had two doses of COVID vaccination to continue testing. Of course, children are not offered vaccination currently so testing is especially important for them to protect education.

Where can I find out more information on vaccination?

Please see the below link for information regarding vaccination.

<https://northcentrallondonccg.nhs.uk/my-health/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations-in-north-central-london/frequently-asked-questions-fags/>

How can I get my vaccination?

Please use the following link to book your vaccination.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

There is an exciting special vaccination event being held at **Tottenham Hotspur Stadium**. Please use the following link for information about this.

<https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/news/2021/june/tottenham-hotspur-stadium-to-open-its-doors-to-nhs-on-father-s-day/>

<https://twitter.com/SpursOfficial/status/1404770843171954688?s=20>

Yours faithfully



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