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If you are in a risk group and have already received one or two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, you can disregard this letter.

## **Vaccination against COVID-19 – information for people born between 2006 and 2009, and for their legal guardians.**

Starting in calendar week 41, children aged 12-15 will gradually be offered vaccination against COVID-19 in their schools. The vaccine can be given from the day you turn 12. Vaccination is voluntary and free of charge.

COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease. You can read about vaccination against COVID-19 in the Public Health Agency of Sweden's fact sheet, which is enclosed with this letter.

### **Vaccination will be offered at schools**

Vaccination against COVID-19 will take place at your school. The school will inform you when it is time for the vaccination and where in the school it will take place.

The vaccination consists of two doses given a few weeks apart. It is important to take both doses to get good protection.

### **Consent form and health declaration**

As you are aged between 12 and 15, your legal guardians need to confirm that they want you to be vaccinated against COVID-19. They do this by signing a so-called consent form. It is important that the form is taken to the vaccination. The consent covers both doses.

Before being vaccinated, you will need to answer a few questions about your health, in a health declaration. This is required to check if there is anything that means you cannot be given the vaccine, such as a serious allergy to any of the substances in the vaccine.

### **It is important to know if you are very allergic**

If you have previously had a severe allergic reaction requiring hospitalization, you may need to be vaccinated at a health center or hospital. This assessment is made by the healthcare professional performing the vaccination, before it is done.

## **Important things to remember for the vaccination**

- Take the filled in **consent form** and **health declaration**, signed by your guardians, with you.
- You will be given the vaccination in your upper arm. It is therefore good to wear a top with short sleeves. This makes it easier to do the injection.
- If you have any questions about the vaccine or how it is administered, you are welcome to ask your school nurse or the healthcare professionals doing the vaccination.

## **Continue to follow recommendations**

Even if you have been vaccinated, there is still a small risk of being infected with COVID-19. You yourself may only become mildly ill, but you could infect others who may become seriously ill. It is not yet known how long the protection provided by the vaccination lasts.

**So, even if you have been vaccinated, you should:**

- Book a test or ask someone to help you book a test if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Always stay at home if you have symptoms.
- Wash your hands often. This will help avoid the spread of infection.

## **Information resources about vaccination against COVID-19 for children aged 12-15 are available here**

Consent forms for use if necessary are also available here, for example if there are several children aged between 12 and 15 in a household.

[1177.se/Halland/vaccination-12-15-halland](https://1177.se/Halland/vaccination-12-15-halland)

## **Information in other languages**

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