

COVID-19: Update from Camden Council

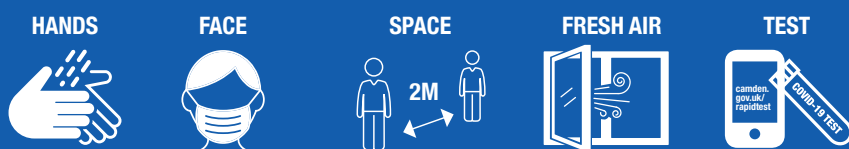
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Keep following public health advice to keep Camden safe



Coronavirus cases remain high across Camden and London, so please keep following 'hands, face, space, fresh air and testing' advice.

All 16 and 17 year olds and eligible 12 to 15 year olds can get vaccinated

If you're 16 or 17, please get vaccinated as soon as possible – particularly if you have an underlying health condition that puts you at higher risk:

1. Turn up at a local COVID-19 vaccine walk-in centre (find your nearest at camden.gov.uk/walkin) or Camden's COVID-19 vaccine bus (find out when it's near you at camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)
2. Wait to hear from your GP
3. If you're going to be 18 in the next 3 months, book an appointment by calling **119** or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

Children aged 12 to 15 who have, or live with those who have, specific underlying health conditions that puts them at higher risk of getting seriously ill from the virus are now eligible for the vaccine. Find out more at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or speak to your GP. To learn more about the vaccine before choosing whether to have it, visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine

The NHS has double-vaccinated 128,474 adults in Camden

Camden has one of the youngest populations in London – 1 in 3 residents are under 30. Since over 18s became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in June, there has been a significant increase in vaccination rates. Since 4 July, 46,936 have been given out. The number of residents who've had their first dose has risen by 6% to 62% and the number who are double-vaccinated has risen by 40% to 53%. As of 28 August, Camden's COVID-19 community vaccine bus has visited 23 locations and 2,745 vaccines have been given out. To find out where the bus is this week, visit camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine



The start of a new school year is exciting for everyone, and I want to reassure parents, carers, pupils and students that we are committed to doing all we can to help them stay safe as they learn. Camden schools, nurseries, colleges and universities want to make sure everyone can access education safely over the coming year.

The NHS rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine continues and is now being expanded to all 16 and 17 year olds. 12 to 15 year olds who live with someone at increased risk of COVID-19 or are clinically vulnerable are also recommended to get vaccinated. You can find out more information about where to get vaccinated below.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to our voluntary sector, faith leaders, schools, businesses and healthcare workers who have come together to support the NHS-led vaccine rollout in Camden. As a result, 128,474 (53%) of adults have been double-vaccinated and 38,848 (33%) of under 30s have had their first dose. It's been a massive community effort – let's keep it up in Camden.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Back to schools and colleges safely



To keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education, there will still be protective measures in place in Camden's schools, colleges and nurseries, including practising good

hygiene, ventilation and regular COVID-19 testing.

There will be regular rapid lateral flow testing for secondary-aged students until the end of September to pick up cases with no symptoms. After two on-site tests, these will be done twice-weekly at home.

Staff, parents and other household members aged over 11 are also advised to do home rapid tests twice-weekly. Find out about COVID-19 rapid test pick-up, delivery and in-person options at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

Pupils, staff and visitors are still recommended to wear face coverings, unless exempt, in crowded indoor places, such as school buses or when mixing with people they don't normally meet. Face coverings must be worn on Transport for London services, unless exempt. Parents should also consider wearing face coverings where it is crowded, such as drop-offs and pick-ups outside schools and nurseries.

Self-isolation update

Under 18s and fully vaccinated adults no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, you are advised to take a PCR test – book at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**. If you or your child tests positive for COVID-19, you must still self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of age or vaccination status. You also must self-isolate and take a PCR test if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.