

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations for children with allergies

Allergic reactions to coronavirus vaccines are very rare. They are as rare as allergic reactions to other common vaccines your child has received.

Children with food allergies (including multiple foods and severe anaphylaxis), hayfever, allergic asthma, and eczema or urticarial rashes are **not** at higher risk of having an allergic reaction to coronavirus vaccines. These children can have the coronavirus vaccine at any vaccination centre.

Children with allergies to medicines (such as antibiotics or ibuprofen) can safely have the vaccine. Children who are receiving allergy desensitisation treatments, or being treated with the medicine omalizumab (Xolair[®]), can also have the coronavirus vaccine.

For children who have had **confirmed anaphylaxis** to a vaccine, or are allergic to any of the ingredients in the coronavirus vaccine (a list is available at vaccination centres), please talk to their GP or allergy doctor as it might be recommended to have the vaccine in a supervised, hospital setting.

The staff at the vaccination centres are trained to recognise severe allergic reactions and have the resources to treat them.

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the allergy team:
secretaries, **phone:** 020 7188 9525
nurses, **phone:** 020 7188 9783
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