

Date: 28 June 2021

Dear parent/carer,

Let's talk about Delta and grab your jab now!

With Delta now the dominant COVID-19 variant in the country, it's more important than ever that people understand the symptoms and get an appropriate test. Take a COVID-19 PCR test if you are displaying the mildest symptoms or even if you're just not feeling quite right. If you are completely symptom free take a lateral flow test (LFT).

Symptoms of the Delta variant are often displaying differently to what's been seen typically with COVID-19. Look out for mild cold-like symptoms which may include a headache, runny nose or sore throat, this may also feel a bit like hayfever.

This variant is more transmissible so it's vital we remember hands, face, space, fresh air. It's also really important to take an LFT twice a week if you are completely symptom-free.

Remember, what may be a mild illness for you can be really serious for someone else.

Find out more at www.dudley.gov.uk/covidvariants

Grab a jab this week in Dudley borough!

Everyone 18 years old or over who hasn't had a first dose of their COVID-19 jab yet, can take advantage of a number of drop-in options available in Dudley this week.

Vaccine van in Dudley Town Centre

The vaccine van will be in Stone Street Square Dudley DY1 1NJ, Wednesday 30 June to Friday 2 July, 11am to 7pm and Saturday 3 July, 9am to 5pm. Just drop-in no appointment is necessary.

Drop-in Halesowen

Halesowen Cultural Centre, Highfield Lane B63 4SG Thursday 1 and Thursday 8 July, 9.30am to 5.30pm. No appointment necessary.

Drop-in Lye

Chapel Street Community Centre, Lye DY9 8BT. Wednesday 30 June, 1pm to 5pm. No appointment necessary.

Drop-in Brierley Hill

JHoots Pharmacy, Brierley Hill Health and Social Care centre, Venture Way DY5 1RU. Open 7 days a week 10am -10pm. No appointment necessary.

If you would rather book an appointment

You can also book an appointment at venues across Dudley borough by visiting www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or calling 119.

Remember for maximum protection you need to make sure you have both doses of your COVID-19 vaccine, this is particularly important to tackle new variants.

If you have had a positive COVID-19 test, you should wait at least 28 days from the date you had the test for your vaccination.

Once again thank you for your continued support in protecting your school community and the wider Dudley borough.



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