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Dear Parents and guardians

Lambeth is currently experiencing very high rates of Covid-19. Rates are highest in those 18-40 some of whom may not yet have been vaccinated. We are now encouraging everyone who has not yet had their first vaccine to have it as soon as possible.

Over half of Lambeth residents have now been vaccinated but to keep the borough safe from future outbreaks and prevent further restrictions we need as many people as possible to be protected. We know that having two vaccinations protects against the new Delta variant, but it is essential to have both.

Covid-19 Vaccination

Covid-19 vaccination is now available to everyone over 18 years old. You do not need to be registered with a GP or provide ID to get a vaccine at the walk in clinics.

If you are **over** 40 years old there are a number of options including booked appointments or walk in appointments across the borough, in pharmacies, local vaccination centres and at Guys and St Thomas's hospitals.

If you are **under** 40 years old St Thomas's and Guys Hospitals have walk in vaccinations available 7 days per week. Other centres are also able to offer booked appointments.

For the most up to date information check this website <https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/pop-up-clinics/>

It is a top priority to get as many people as possible vaccinated before the 19 July 2021 which is when the final step on the Government roadmap will be implemented.

Testing for Covid-19

Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19. We have provided extra testing locations across the borough for those with and without symptoms. Anyone feeling unwell or who is a contact of someone who has tested positive should get a PCR (rather than rapid Lateral flow test) as soon as possible and self-isolate if asked to do so. Lambeth Council website has upto date information in where to get a test in the borough. <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/surge-covid-19-testing/where>

Support for self-isolation

For residents of Lambeth there is practical and financial support to self-isolate available through the Council.

I know how difficult the last year has been for parents and pupils across our schools and colleges. I sincerely hope that by ensuring most of our adult population is protected by September schools will be able to resume most of their normal activities and schools and parents will not have to cope with the high levels of disruption many have experienced this year.

Thank you for all you have done to keep Lambeth safe.

Yours sincerely



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