

## New Corona-virus is on the rise in the county – must follow the rules

**Now, the British variant of the Corona virus, is spreading in Kalmar county. It spreads more easily and even among children.**

Viruses can change. These changes are called mutations. Scientists have discovered several mutations of the coronavirus around the world. They have found out that the British mutation is faster and more easily spread. It also infects younger people more easily, but it's no more dangerous than other mutations.

Therefore, infection disease physician Lisa Labbé Sandelin wants children who have symptoms of Corona (COVID-19) to be tested. Children are tested in the same way as adults. Parents and children should also be extra careful to keep physical distance, wash hands and stay at home if you have symptoms. To do a COVID-19-test is also necessary. Order the test by calling your local health centre, or at the website [www.1177.se](http://www.1177.se).

**NOTE!**  
Late news:

### **Self tests is extended this week!**

Three drive-in-stations for fast testing are coming up outside the hospitals in Kalmar, Oskarshamn and Västervik. Signs will be put up! You still have to order the test, just as before, but at the station you can go aside and do the test and then hand it in directly. Do not use public transportation - use your own transportation – car, bicycle or walk.

*“The bubble” is the small group of people you meet every day. For example, the people you live with and one or two friends.*

If children in a school get sick, the school may close. In that case the children should stay at home while the Regions infectious disease experts and the school, track the virus to see where it comes from. That also means that they should stay home and not attend any leisure activities or meet other children. They also should not meet others outside their “bubble”. As soon as the school announces that they are done, the students must go back.

### **Vaccinations in the county right now**

The vaccinations in Kalmar County continue. If you are 65 years or older you are first in line but will be vaccinated in turn. You will receive a letter (in Swedish) from Region Kalmar County with information telling when it is time for your age to make an appointment.

*(Also, read “News about Corona”, number 31.)*

The speed of the vaccinations has slowed down right now. Sweden has not yet received all the doses we ordered. In addition, one of the brands is temporarily stopped. The experts are testing that special brand to make sure it is safe. As soon as we get more doses and we know that all vaccines are safe, it will speed up again.

The Region will not send information letters to those aged 18-64. Instead, you will get information in ads and campaigns. Local media and “**News about Corona**” will inform you when time comes. ***So keep your eyes open!***

### **Easter holidays coming up!**

Soon all school children will have Easter time off! It is a great opportunity for young and old to spend time outdoors. Just remember to avoid close physical contact from people you meet. And do not go out if you have symptoms. (That goes for all ages.)

Many people choose to take days off and go away during Easter holidays. This year the Region ask you to stay home. If you really must travel, you should be very careful not to infect others or get infected yourself.

**Happy Easter to all of you!**