

INFORMATION ON COVID VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS 12 TO 15 YEARS OLD

The State of Vermont is planning school and community based clinics to support vaccination of 12-15 year-olds per Monday's updated Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer vaccine. This is a statewide effort and clinics may be run by EMS, healthcare partners, the Vermont National Guard, Health Department Offices of Local Health or pharmacy partners. First dose clinics will be scheduled between May 17 and May 28, 2021, with second dose clinics scheduled after the appropriate interval.

Access to School Buildings

Since adults will have been eligible for vaccination for more than a month at the time the clinics begin, we anticipate that the largest population will be Vermonters between the ages of 12-18. However, all COVID-19 vaccine clinics scheduled as part of this effort will be open to the community. This is a [specific exception](#) to the guidance in A Strong and Healthy Year related to visitors in schools.

Parents will also be welcome to attend these clinics with their children if they would like to do so.

Registration

Registering in advance for these clinics is the best way to secure a dose, and will simplify the process of providing parent/guardian consent (see below). However, these clinics will have a limited number of doses available on a walk-in basis, as long as students under the age of 18 have parental consent.

Parents can plan ahead by creating an account on this website: healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine. If you already have an account of your own, you can add your child as a dependent.

Parental Consent

Consent from a parent/guardian is required for students under the age of 18 to receive the vaccine. In an effort to make receiving a vaccine as easy as possible, there are multiple ways that parents can provide consent.

- **By registering for the vaccine online** - Parents/guardians can add their children as dependents in the State's vaccine registration system, and then schedule an appointment for them at their school clinic or another convenient community clinic. As part of that registration process, they will be asked to provide consent for their child to be vaccinated.
- **By registering for the vaccine using the call center** - Parents/guardians can call the state's call center (press "1" to use a language other than English) to make a vaccine appointment for their child. As part of that registration process, they will be asked to provide consent over the phone.
- **By signing a permission slip** - Schools will be provided a permission form that parents/guardians can use to give consent. This form will be available translated into multiple languages.
- **By attending the clinic with their child** - Clinics will provide limited 'walk-in' vaccine doses. If students have their parent/guardian with them, they will be able to provide consent at that time. As a reminder, the best way for students to guarantee their dose is to register in advance.
- **Over the phone during the clinic** - If the student attends a clinic as a walk-in without their parent/guardian present, the clinic registration staff will be able to accept and document parental consent over the phone, similar to the call center process. As a reminder, the best way for students to guarantee their dose is to register in advance.

Pharmacies

In addition to the school and community-based clinics, as soon as the EUA for 12-15 year-olds comes through they will be able to make appointments to receive the vaccines at pharmacies that offer the Pfizer vaccine. At this time, that includes Kinney Drugs, CVS and Costco. Students and families can choose to make their appointment wherever is most convenient for them.