



COVID-19 VACCINE FOR IDAHOANS 12 YEARS & OLDER

All Idahoans ages 12 years and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. It's safe, it's effective, and it's free.

Q: Why should kids 12 to 17 get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: The COVID-19 vaccine will help keep you from getting the virus and is a safer way to help build protection. With new strains of the virus circulating in Idaho, many students back in classrooms full time, and participating in activities outside of school, getting vaccinated will offer another valuable layer of protection. Choosing to get vaccinated may also help protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Q: Why can 12 to 17 year olds only get the Pfizer brand of COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Currently, the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) and Moderna vaccines are not authorized for use in anyone younger than 18 years old. Under the current Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for use in people 16 years and older.

Q: Do minors need their parent's consent to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Each provider has its own policy or process for vaccinating a juvenile without parental/legal guardian consent. Some health care providers may assess a minor's competency, and if deemed competent, they are able to receive the vaccine without parental/guardian consent, while others simply do not allow minors to receive services without a parental/consent. However, it is important to check with the specific health care provider that you are seeking the vaccine through to determine their policy prior to your vaccine appointment.

Q: Where can 12 to 17 year olds go to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Scheduled appointments and walk in clinics are available throughout Idaho. Find a provider near you at phd5.idaho.gov/Covid-vaccine/ or text your zipcode to GETVAX. A list of nearby walk-in clinics is also available on the website.



Resources for More Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine

- SCPHD Information Call Center | 208-737-1138 M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- SPCHD Vaccine Webpage | phd5.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine
- CDC | cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html
- Idaho Website: healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/covid-19-vaccination