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South Central Public Health District opens vaccine to anyone 16 and older in the region, effective immediately

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO — South Central Public Health District invites anyone who is 16-years and older and wants to receive protection through the COVID-19 vaccine, to seek an appointment if they are a resident of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, or Twin Falls Counties; no medical condition is required. The move, which is effective immediately, comes the same week the COVID-19 vaccine was opened statewide to those 16 years and older *with* a medical condition.

Recent conversations with vaccine providers to assess vaccine supply and appointment demand indicate adequate vaccine doses and appointment availability among providers, particularly major healthcare systems.

As a reminder, those who are 16 and 17-years old and wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccine may only receive the Pfizer vaccine because it is the only one currently authorized for these ages. The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines are [authorized for use](#) in those 18-years and older.

Sign up for the state vaccine registry at <https://covidvaccine.idaho.gov/>.

Some local providers are not pulling names from the state registry. If you would like to sign up with a specific provider, you can find a list and contact information <https://www.phd5.idaho.gov/Covid-vaccine/>.

If you need help by phone with signing up on the state registry or navigating the provider list, SCPHD is running two call centers, one in English at (208) 737-1138, and one in Spanish at (208) 737-5965. These call centers are currently running from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.