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Children ages 12-15 now eligible for vaccination in Contra Costa County!

Starting today, kids between the ages of 12-15 can get Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine at all county-run clinics.

The County is expanding eligibility after federal and state safety reviews approved Pfizer's COVID vaccine for this younger age group.

The County has already begun working with the Contra Costa County Office of Education, local school districts and Kaiser Permanente to host vaccination clinics at various middle schools and high schools in the coming weeks. Details will be announced in the next few days.

When coming to our vaccination clinics, we recommend that minors be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian cannot be present, we ask for written consent or, when that is not feasible, we may accept verbal consent over the phone. A <u>consent form</u> is available at cchealth.org.

Contra Costa County will vaccinate any eligible person regardless of whether they are a county resident or not. No appointment is needed, although people can still schedule one if they prefer by going to covidvaccine.cchealth.org or by calling 833-829-2626. The state also offers appointments at myturn.ca.gov.

Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for use by those ages 12-17. The other two COVID vaccines in the United States made by Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are still only available to people ages 18 and older.

