

Columbus City Schools, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus Public Health, Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Fact Sheet

Columbus City Schools is partnering with Columbus Public Health and Nationwide Children's Hospital to provide its students, ages 16 and older, with the opportunity to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

How old does my child need to be to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is only for people age 16 and older. It is not yet approved for children under age 16.

How can my child receive the COVID-19 vaccine at school?

The District will host free COVID-19 vaccination clinics at four designated high school sites: Beechcroft, Briggs, Independence and Whetstone, for all CCS students who meet the age requirement. The District has created an online registration process for families to register, provide consent, and select their requested appointment time. **Parents who wish to have their student, age 16 and older, receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine must fill out a consent form before they will be permitted to receive the vaccine. The opportunity to receive the vaccine is entirely optional, and parents would need to sign off before any students under the age of 18 are vaccinated.**

What, if any transportation, will Columbus City Schools provide if my child requires a lift bus?

Columbus City Schools will provide yellow bus transportation to get students to and from the school sites on each clinic day.

What health and safety protocols are required?

Families will be expected to conduct a health assessment of their student prior to arriving at school. Families must keep students home if they exhibit any of the following COVID-19 symptoms: coughing, shortness of breath or fever. Other symptoms include, difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

Are face coverings required?

Yes, face coverings must be worn at all times on the bus and while at the school clinic site (unless the student has a mask exemption on file at their school of attendance). Students will be provided a medical mask to wear at the school site.

What should my child wear?



Students receiving the COVID -19 vaccine should wear a short-sleeve shirt with easy access to their upper arm.

Will breakfast and lunch be provided for students?

Yes, Breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the regular school day. Students are encouraged to eat and drink water before the vaccine to help with any potential side effects. Water, juice and limited snacks will be available for anyone not feeling well after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

What If I don't have an appointment or signed Consent form?

Students who do not reserve their appointment or who reserve their appointment and do not have a completed consent form **will not** be transported to the school clinic site and **will not** be able to receive their vaccination.

Can I be with my child when they receive the vaccine?

Parents are not permitted to be on-site with their child. Support staff will be provided on the school bus and on-site at the school.

Which COVID-19 vaccine will they receive?

Your child will receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which is approved for children ages 16 and older. The Pfizer vaccine is 97% effective against COVID-19.

How is the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine given?

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered in two doses, three weeks apart. It is given in two doses, three weeks apart.

Cohort	Clinic: 1st Dose	Clinic: 2nd Dose
A	April 26	May 17
A	April 27	May 18
B	April 29	May 20
B	April 30	May 21

How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine. No insurance information is collected.



Does getting the COVID-19 vaccine impact getting other routine vaccines?

Currently the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends two weeks in between getting the COVID-19 vaccine and any other routine vaccine. If your child has routine vaccines soon, do not schedule it within two weeks of getting either the first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for teens?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for teens and adults. The COVID-19 vaccine has been issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). An EUA is granted when a drug is needed for emergency use. Nationwide Children's is giving the COVID-19 vaccine in large numbers to its own staff and patients.

What side effects could my child have?

Reported side effects are like other vaccines and may include:

- Pain, swelling and redness in the arm where you get the shot.
- Tiredness, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, fever, and nausea and vomiting.
- There is a small chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. Severe allergic reactions are rare but can happen.

We will watch your child for 15 minutes after they get the shot. We are watching for any allergic reaction.

How was the COVID-19 vaccine developed so fast?

The unprecedented scientific cooperation, building on a decade of research, allowed the COVID-19 vaccine to be safe for the public fast. Despite this shorter-than-normal development timeframe, all testing processes and standards were the same. There were no shortcuts in the approval process.

Could the COVID-19 vaccine cause infertility in my child?

There is no evidence or data that shows the COVID-19 vaccine causes infertility for women or men.

Why should teens get a COVID-19 vaccine when they don't get as sick with COVID-19?

Data shows that teens are typically less impacted than adults with COVID-19. However, some teens still get really sick from COVID-19 and have long-term effects. Teens can also transmit the virus to others and get them sick.



Once my child gets the vaccine, do they need to follow safety guidelines? Yes. It is not yet known how long the vaccine will protect you from COVID-19 or if you can still spread the virus after getting the vaccine. Even after you are vaccinated, it will take months for herd immunity (protection from a disease through vaccination and/or previous infection) to be built in the community. Keep washing your hands, wearing a mask and following social distancing guidelines (staying six feet apart) for your safety and for those around you.

Where can I get more information about the Pfizer vaccine?

Visit https://www.pfizer.com/news/hot-topics/the_facts_about_pfizer_and_biontech_s_covid_19_vaccine or call 1-800-879-3477.

If you have more questions or need more information, **first, contact your school nurse** or call the Nationwide Children's school based health clinic at (614) 355-2590 (**Note: this is not a scheduling/registration number**).

