

Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines for Families and Educators

Young people ages 12 to 17 can get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

To find a vaccination site near you, go to nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or call **877-VAX-4-NYC** (877-829-4692). Many sites do not require appointments.

- Vaccines are free! You do not need health insurance to get vaccinated.
- Parents or guardians must give permission in person or by phone for a minor to get vaccinated. Many sites also accept written permission. Anyone ages 12 to 15 must have an adult with them.
- Proof of age, such as an ID or birth certificate, is required. A parent or guardian may also confirm age on behalf of the minor.
- The Pfizer vaccine was tested on people ages 12 to 17 in clinical studies and shown to be safe and effective against COVID-19 illness. Side effects are common and mean your body is building immunity!

1. Why does someone under 18 need to be vaccinated? I thought COVID-19 does not affect youth.

People of all ages can get COVID-19. While COVID-19 is usually more dangerous for adults, youth have gotten very sick and died from COVID-19. Some people also have long-term health problems after having COVID-19, such as respiratory problems or chronic fatigue.

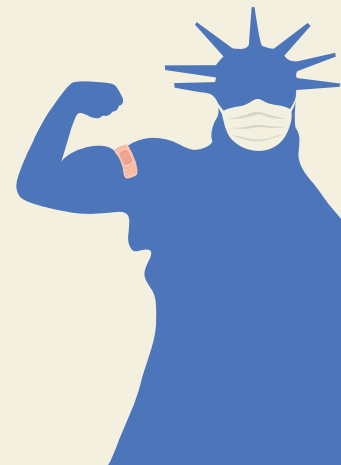
Getting youth vaccinated also helps protect others, such as grandparents and relatives who have a medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe outcomes. It even helps people in your community, since being vaccinated helps stop the spread of the virus. Many youth can still get and spread the virus even if they do not feel sick.

2. Am I required to get vaccinated?

Everyone has a choice about getting vaccinated. We want people to have the information they need to make a decision.

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3. Where can someone under 18 get vaccinated?

Getting vaccinated in NYC is easy. You can go to nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or call **877-829-4692** to find a site near you. People ages 12 to 17 can get the Pfizer vaccine only, so be sure to look for a site offering that vaccine.

4. How do we know the vaccines work for youth?

The Pfizer vaccine was studied in youth and shown to be very safe and effective. The process was monitored closely by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other organizations as well as independent experts.

5. What are the side effects? Will it hurt?

A young person might feel a bit of pain when getting vaccinated, just like any other shot. Afterwards, they may have soreness in their arm where they got the shot, and they may feel tired or achy, have a headache, or get a fever. These are usually signs that the body is building protection. Side effects usually last for one to two days. If you have any concerns about side effects, talk to your pediatrician or call **311**.

The Pfizer vaccine requires two shots. It is important to get the second shot even if you or your child has side effects after the first shot.

6. How much does the vaccine cost? What if we do not have insurance?

The vaccine is free and you do not need insurance to get it. If you have insurance, it may be billed, but you will not need to pay a copay or any other fee.

7. My family does not have a doctor. Who do I call if I have questions?

For more information about the vaccines, visit nyc.gov/covidvaccine or cdc.gov/covidvaccine. You can also call **311** and ask to speak to someone about the COVID-19 vaccines.

8. What can a young person do once they are vaccinated?

All activities are safer once someone is fully vaccinated! People who are fully vaccinated can resume the activities they enjoyed before the pandemic and can do most activities without wearing a face covering or physical distancing. In certain places, people need to keep masks on, even if vaccinated. This includes schools, public transportation, stores and other public spaces if the owner or operator requires.

We recommend that everyone keep their face covering on when indoors until more people are vaccinated.

9. Do people ages 12 to 17 need permission to get vaccinated?

Yes. A parent or guardian must give consent. Consent can be given in-person or by phone at the time of the appointment. Some vaccination sites also accept written consent, including all City-run sites. Youth ages 12 to 15 must be accompanied to the vaccination site by a parent or guardian or another adult caregiver chosen by the parent or guardian.

A young person will need proof of age, such as a birth certificate or ID with their date of birth. If they do not have proof of age, a parent or guardian can attest to their age. You do not need to share your immigration status to be vaccinated.

No appointments needed for the sites below. To find additional sites, visit nyc.gov/vaccinefinder and search by vaccine type "Pfizer."

Brooklyn

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Coney Island**
2601 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11235

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Kings County**
451 Clarkson Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Woodhull**
760 Broadway
Brooklyn, NY 11206

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
St. Nicks Alliance**
211 Ainslie St.
Brooklyn, NY 11211

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Flatbush YMCA**
1401 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11210

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Starrett City/Spring
Creek Towers
Cityblock Health**
1310 Pennsylvania Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11239

**Barclays Center -
Modell's Sports**
140 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217

**NYC Vaccine Hub - Brooklyn
Children's Museum**
145 Brooklyn Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Bronx

**Bronx Zoo
Vaccination Site**
2300 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, NY 10460

**NYS - Bay Eden
Senior Center**
1220 E. 229th St.
Bronx, NY 10466

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Jacobi**
1400 Pelham Parkway
South
Bronx, NY 10461

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Lincoln**
234 E. 149th St.
Bronx, NY 10451

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
North Central Bronx**
3424 Kossuth Ave.
Bronx, NY 10467

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Lehman College -
The Apex Center**
250 Bedford Park Blvd. West
Bronx, NY 10468

Manhattan

NYS - Javits Center
429 11th Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10018

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Bellevue**
462 First Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10016

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Harlem**
506 Lenox Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10037

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Metropolitan**
1901 First Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10029

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Yeshiva University**
2495 Amsterdam Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10033

**NYC Vaccine Hub - Abyssinian
Baptist Church**
132 West 138th St.
Manhattan, NY 10030

**NYC Vaccine Hub - American
Museum of Natural History**
200 Central Park West
Manhattan, NY 10024

**NYC Vaccine Hub - ATC
Vaccination Times Square
(Previously NFL Experience)**
20 Times Square
Manhattan, NY 10036

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Fulton Center/Google**
119 9th Ave.
Manhattan, NY 10011

Staten Island

**Northwell SIUH -
Empire Outlets**
55 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301

**NYC Vaccine Hub - St. Joseph -
St. Thomas School**
50 Maguire Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10309

**Northwell SIUH -
Staten Island Mall**
280 Marsh Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10314

Queens

**NYS - Aqueduct Race-
track**
110-00 Rockaway Blvd.
Queens, NY 11420

Citi Field
36-2 126th St.
Queens, NY 11368

NYS-FEMA York College
160-02 Liberty Ave.
Queens, NY 11433

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Elmhurst**
79-01 Broadway
Queens, NY 11373

**NYC Health + Hospitals,
Queens**
82-68 164th St.
Queens, NY 11432

**NYC Vaccine Hub -
Queensborough
Community College
Robert F. Kennedy Hall**
221-05 56th Ave.
Queens, NY 11364

**NYC Vaccine Hub - Korean
Community Services**
203-05 32nd Ave.
Queens, NY 11361

**NYC Vaccine Hub - Queens
Center Mall**
58-56 92nd St.
Queens, NY 11373

**NYC Vaccine Hub - Queens
Public Library at Ozone
Park**
92-24 Rockaway Blvd.
Queens, NY 11417

**Queens Public Library -
Flushing Library**
41-17 Main St.
Queens, NY 11355

