

Sept. 22, 2021

To All Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

As Ohio prepares for the possibility of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to be expanded to include more children, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is asking for your help to ensure the vaccine is widely available and easily accessible. To prepare, we are estimating the number of vaccine providers willing and able to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to children between the ages of 5-11 years.

ODH requests that providers fill out a short survey indicating if they are currently offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children, and if they plan to offer COVID-19 vaccinations for younger children when available. Survey participants also have the option and are encouraged to share with ODH any barriers they might face to providing those vaccination opportunities to younger children, as well as any supports that could make vaccinating younger children more feasible.

Please choose the appropriate link below to complete your survey by **Friday, Oct. 1**. **Most providers should use the Ohio Vaccine Provider link below. Pharmacies, retail or independent, are asked to use the pharmacies link.**

- **Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Providers:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthvaccinations>
- **Pharmacies:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthvaccinationspharmacies>

#### **COVID-19 vaccine availability for youth: Quick summary**

- As you know, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is available for youth ages 12-17.
  - The Pfizer vaccine is available under full U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensure for ages 16-17 and will soon be available under the manufacturer's selected name of Comirnaty.
  - The Pfizer vaccine remains available for safe use in children ages 12-15 under the Pfizer-BioNTech emergency use authorization (EUA).
- Pfizer announced this week that it plans to apply for FDA authorization of a lower dose of its COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11. The FDA would then review the data to determine the vaccine's safety and effectiveness in this age group.
- The FDA is reviewing Moderna's application to expand its EUA to include ages 12-17.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect Ohioans from COVID-19. If you have any questions, please call the ODH Provider Call Center between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-844-9ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829) or [COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,  
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