



Yakima Health District

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Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for Children Ages 5 to 11

Yakima, WA- On Wednesday, November 3rd, the Washington State Department of Health announced that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine eligibility was expanded to include children ages 5 to 11. This recommendation comes after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup reviewed the data and found the vaccine to be safe and effective in preventing COVID-19 in young children.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 is administered as a two-dose primary series, three weeks apart. The pediatric vaccine is a smaller dose, 10 micrograms, compared to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for those 12 years and older, which is 30 micrograms. Side effects such as, sore arm, fatigue, headache, chills, fever, and nausea may be experienced, but go away within a day or two.

Yakima Health District's mobile vaccine teams are offering the COVID-19 vaccine to anyone five years and older. Youth under 18 years of age need parent or guardian consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals can find a list of mobile vaccine locations or a list of clinics and pharmacies offering COVID-19 vaccines at [YakimaVaccines.org](https://www.yakimavaccines.org). Additionally, other clinics throughout Yakima County are also offering COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5 to 11. The Yakima Health District will continue to have an updated list of additional locations at [YakimaVaccines.org](https://www.yakimavaccines.org).

Quotes

"The Yakima Health District recommends that anyone who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine get vaccinated. The vaccines are safe, effective, and greatly reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Now that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been cleared for use in children ages 5 to 11, that means younger children in our county are now eligible to get vaccinated. Children can get COVID and some will need to be hospitalized. Many children can be infected but asymptomatic. If they are not vaccinated, the children could easily spread COVID to family and friends who are not vaccinated. We encourage parents to talk to their child's primary care provider if they have any questions." -Dr. Neil Barg, Health Officer, Yakima Health District

"We are happy to now be able to offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to anyone five years and older. We encourage parents to visit any of our mobile clinics to get their children and family vaccinated. As we continue to have vaccine opportunities throughout the community, individuals can visit [YakimaVaccines.org](https://www.yakimavaccines.org) or call 2-1-1 for more information on mobile vaccine locations." -Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Yakima Health District

Additional Information

www.YakimaVaccines.org

www.YakimaTesting.org

[Washington State Department of Health: Vaccinating Youth](https://www.wa.gov/health/vaccinating-youth)



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[CDC: COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

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