

As you may be aware, everyone in Colorado who is 12 years of age and older is now eligible to receive the [COVID-19 vaccine](#). In DPS we have about 27,000 students who are ages 12 to 15 years old and are newly eligible. We are happy to share that to date, more than 40% of 16- and 17-year-olds in Denver have already received at least one dose of COVID vaccine. [Every student and family member](#) that gets their vaccine brings us one step closer to a 2021-22 school year that is much safer and less restrictive!

I am excited to let you know that DPS' healthcare partners would like to support our students in accessing the COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible, for those who would like to get one.

Please note, students are not required to get the vaccine, because we know this is an individual and personal choice. However, we encourage all in our school communities to receive the vaccine when they are able in order to increase our collective health and safety. We've created this [webpage](#) for students and their families with all the information they need regarding student vaccinations.

To support students in accessing a COVID-19 vaccine, DPS' health care partners have multiple ways to support DPS students and their families in signing up for a vaccine appointments:

Denver Health

[Denver Health](#) is our longtime health care partner and serves thousands of DPS students every year through our School Based Health Centers. They are able to offer vaccination appointments to all eligible DPS students and their families through their many clinic locations throughout the city. The following vaccination events have also been confirmed for DPS students and their families (available to all eligible DPS students and their families):

Event Date	Location and Address
Saturday, May 15	South High School, 1700 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210
Sunday, May 16	Manual High School, 1700 E 28th Ave, Denver, CO 80205

Saturday, May 22

North High School, 2960 North Speer Blvd. Denver, CO 80211

Sunday, May 23

East High School, 1600 City Park Esplanade, Denver, CO 80206

Tuesday, June 1
Tuesday, June 8
Tuesday, June 22
Tuesday, June 29

Evie Dennis Campus, 4800 Telluride St, Denver, CO 80249

Wednesday, June 2
Wednesday, June 23

Abraham Lincoln High School, 2285 S Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80219

Eligible students and family members can sign up one of three ways:

1. **Call the Denver Health Hotline: 303-436-7000**
2. **Call our [School Based Health Centers](#): 303-602-8958**
3. **Sign up via their [online portal](#).** Students under the age of 18 should select a Pfizer appointment, as that is currently the only type of vaccine safe for them to receive.

We encourage 12- through 17-year-olds to come in with a parent or guardian. If parent or guardian is unable to be present Denver Health staff can obtain verbal consent prior to or on the day of the appointment.

Children's Hospital Colorado

Children's Hospital Colorado is one of the country's premier health care providers and a key partner providing the COVID-19 vaccine to DPS educators. They are a Pfizer-only vaccine clinic and are able to provide vaccine appointments for both eligible DPS students and their family members. Here is how students and family members can sign up:

- **[Sign up using the web portal](#):** This will enable Children's Colorado to contact you to schedule your appointment.

- **Make your appointment:** The web portal will automatically invite you to make your first vaccine appointment as slots become available.
 - Children’s Hospital Colorado patients who are already in Children’s Colorado’s MyChart system will receive a MyChart message to schedule through the Web Portal. Community members who aren't on MyChart will get a text message to sign up for a vaccine through the web portal.
 - Invitations expire after 72 hours. Registered individuals who do not schedule their appointment within 72 hours of receiving an invitation will need to re-register using the web portal.
- **Follow up:** Once you receive your first dose, the system will automatically schedule your appointment for the second dose. The second appointment will be at the same time 21 days later. (This is based on the timeframes outlined in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization.)
- **Age Requirement:** The participating individual must be 12 years or older on the day of signup using the web portal.

Children’s Hospital Colorado requires that all individuals under the age of 18 receiving a vaccine during Phase 2 have exactly one parent or legally authorized guardian present with them to sign a physical consent form at both the first and second dose appointments. Full instructions for navigating the Children’s Colorado process can be found [here](#). Patients and families with questions about receiving the vaccine at Children’s Colorado can review these [FAQs for patient families](#). Questions regarding scheduling a COVID vaccine appointment can call the Children’s Colorado COVID vaccine hotline at 720-777-8889.

Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children

This weekend, the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver is hosting a family-friendly vaccination clinic on Saturday, May 15, and Sunday, May 16. This clinic will be run in partnership with HealthOne. Pediatric nurses will be administering the vaccines in the lobby of the hospital and appointments are available for adolescents, teens and their families. If you’d like to attend this weekend, register [here](#).

Other Important Information

- The vaccine is free to everyone, although individuals may be asked to provide personal health insurance when setting up their appointment. Health insurance is not required to receive the vaccine.
- Students should reach out to their personal health care providers with any questions about the vaccine.
- Alternatively, students can call our [School Based Health Centers](#) at 303-602-8958 to learn more about the vaccine and whether receiving the vaccine is right for them.