



# ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

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## Safe, Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Now Approved for Children, 12-15 Years of Age Alameda County to Offer Family Days and Drop-In Access for Priority Neighborhoods

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA** – Yesterday, May 12, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Western States Scientific Safety Review (WSSSR) agreed with the FDA that the Pfizer vaccine can be safely administered to children, ages 12 and older, to prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19.

COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities and 47 percent of Alameda County residents, age 16 and older, are not fully vaccinated. This means people in Alameda County can still catch and spread COVID-19 easily. Getting vaccinated keeps people healthy and helps them protect others. The more people who get vaccinated, the better.

“Vaccinating children has helped eradicate many diseases in our modern world and will help us end the COVID pandemic,” said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. “Expanding COVID vaccine eligibility to younger children means we can increase the amount of protection our communities have from this deadly virus.”

### **Where can I have my child vaccinated now?**

Vaccine will be available at some providers immediately and will become available soon at others.

- Visit [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to find clinics and pharmacies that are offering Pfizer and have open appointments for patients 12 and older.
- Reach out to your health care provider to see when they will begin vaccinating 12–15-year-olds.
- **Alameda County Fairgrounds, Stanford Children’s Health** (Drive-Through Only): Tues-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm
- **UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland** (BCHO) will begin vaccinating the 12-15-year-olds on Thursday, May 13. All children and youth in the community, who are 12 to 21 years of age, are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination at BCHO.

Patients 12 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Vaccines are administered in the BCH Oakland Outpatient Center, 747 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakland, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am –4:00. Saturday appointments may be added later.

To make an appointment, patients or caregivers should call (415) 514-1196, Mon-Sat from 7 am-7 pm and Sunday from 8 am-5 pm. Choose option 2 and stay on the line to speak with an operator, who will schedule an appointment.

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- **Alameda County’s Community Points of Dispensing (PODs)** will start offering the Pfizer vaccine on Family Days, starting May 20. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will also be available for anyone who is 18 and older. Parents, guardians, or care givers will be able to make an appointment here: <https://www.primarybio.com/r/alco-vax-signup> or by calling 510-208-4VAX (4829).

Appointments are encouraged, and pre-registration for these days for Pfizer will open on Monday, May 17. Those who are 18 and older will be able to choose which type of vaccine they want to receive.

A limited number of drop-in appointments for residents living in neighboring communities only will be available at each location.

- Allen Temple Baptist Church in Deep East Oakland: Thursdays, 3 pm-7 pm
- Fremont High School Gym in Oakland’s Fruitvale neighborhood: Thursdays, 3 pm -7 pm
- Hayward Adult School: Thursdays, 3 pm-7 pm
- Old Decoto School in Union City: Fridays, 4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Written consent of a parent or guardian will be required at the time of appointment registration and the physical presence of a parent or guardian at time of vaccination is preferred. Alameda County expects to follow recommendations from the State on documentation and protocols related to consent for minors.

- Visit the **City of Berkeley’s** website for information about vaccination availability: <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/vaccine/>

COVID-19 vaccines are available for free to everyone, 12 and older, regardless of residency or immigration status.

Additional planning for Alameda County youth vaccination and outreach is underway with education and pediatrics partners, and youth-serving organizations.

Our goal is to decrease barriers to access whenever possible and meet eligible children and their families where they are, especially in our priority neighborhoods where COVID-19 has hit hardest.

Alameda County residents who have not received a vaccination are encouraged to call **510-208-4VAX (510-208-4829)** or visit **bit.ly/AICoSignUp** (<https://www.primarybio.com/r/alco-vax-signup>) to make an appointment. Walk-in opportunities are also available.

“This is the next phase of vaccination and the next step towards normalcy,” said Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Medical Director and Clinical Lead for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration. “We must not lose momentum in our efforts to reach every resident with the opportunity to get vaccinated.”

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines and children, visit <https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines-faq#children>

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