

The Pfizer Vaccine has been approved for youth ages 12-17. Here's what you need to know:



1 Is the vaccine safe for children?

- Yes! Over 1 million teens ages 16-18 have already received both doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Thousands of children ages 12-15 received the vaccine in a trial, and it was found to be safe and 100% effective.

2 Can my child get the vaccine?

- Yes! Everyone 12 years and older is recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone age 12 and up can receive the vaccine, regardless of if you have insurance or immigration status.

3 Do kids need the vaccine if they don't get sick when they're infected with COVID-19?

- Yes! In the first year of the pandemic, over 1.5 million people ages 12-17 have had COVID-19, with around 13,000 needing to be hospitalized.
- Even if children don't have many symptoms, they can still pass the virus to other people. Getting the vaccine will help protect your child's health and the health of others.

4 Can the COVID-19 vaccine impact puberty in my child?

- No. The COVID-19 vaccine does not impact hormones that are involved in puberty.

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Will children who get the vaccine have side effects?

- Side effects in children are similar to those in adults. Potential side effects include pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, chills, muscle pain, or joint pain.
- These side effects are normal. Experiencing side effects means that the vaccine is working.

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How much does a vaccine cost?

- All vaccines are free. If you have insurance, your insurance may be billed but you will not have to pay. You can still receive a vaccine for free if you do not have insurance.

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What should I know before my child's visit?

- Your child will need a second shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine **3 weeks after their first shot**.
- Your child can't get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine
- Your child may get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit or without waiting 14 days between vaccines

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Prepare for your child's vaccination visit

- Talk to your child before the visit about what to expect
- Tell the provider about any allergies your child may have
- Your child should be seated or lying down during vaccination and for at least 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine

Heartland Health Centers is offering the Pfizer Vaccine for Youth ages 12-17 starting May 26th.

Call 872-250-6637 to make an appointment!

Vaccines are available for HHC patients and non-patients
Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian