**Information for patients and families**

# COVID-19 Vaccines for People Age 12+

**Who is UCHealth vaccinating?**
UCHealth is currently providing COVID-19 vaccines for Colorado residents age 12 and older.

**How to get the COVID-19 vaccine:**
UCHealth is offering two options to get the COVID-19 vaccine:
- Schedule an appointment through My Health Connection.
- Walk in to any of our vaccine clinics. Go to uchealth.org/covidvaccine for locations and hours.

To schedule your COVID-19 vaccine, please use My Health Connection, UCHealth's online patient portal. You do not need to be a UCHealth patient in order to get a vaccine. Go to [uchealth.org/myhealthconnection](uchealth.org/myhealthconnection), click on Appointments > Schedule Appointment.

If you don't have access to a computer or smart phone, call the vaccine hotline:
**UCHealth COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline** - 720.462.2255 (Español - 844.945.2508):
Monday through Friday – 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**For those 12-17 years old, for your first vaccine dose, you must:**
- Bring a parent or guardian with you, **OR**
- Have your parent or guardian sign the Vaccine Consent Form for Minors and bring it with you. This form can be found at uchealth.org/covidvaccine.

**Is the vaccine safe for children?**
Yes. The Pfizer vaccine trial results show that the vaccine is safe and effective for children age 12 or older. The recent Pfizer trial included thousands of children ages 12 through 17. Trial results show that the vaccine was 100 percent effective. Of the group that received the vaccine (and not the placebo), none of them got COVID-19.

Children had side effects similar to young adults. The main side effects are pain at injection site, fever, and feeling achy or tired. These were experienced more often after the second dose of the vaccine and went away within a few days.

**Why should I get my child vaccinated?**
While children are at a lower risk of serious illness from COVID-19, they make up a larger share of the new virus cases across the U.S. as more adults get vaccinated. Children can still have symptoms and spread the virus to the adults around them. And doctors don't always know which children are more likely to get seriously ill from COVID-19 and need hospital care. Getting a vaccine will lower the chance of illness for all children.

People under age 21 make up about 25% of the U.S. population. If many children get a COVID-19 vaccine, the chance of reaching herd immunity - when lots of people are immune to a disease - goes up.

There are many safe and effective vaccines for children for diseases like whooping cough, measles and meningitis. Providing vaccines for COVID-19 will become a standard measure of care to protect children.

**For the most current information on COVID-19 vaccines, please visit uchealth.org/covidvaccine.**

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