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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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Public Health Advisory

Marin County Public Health recommends that all eligible adolescents (12 years of age and older) be vaccinated against COVID-19. We also recommend co-administration of other vaccines at the time of COVID-19 vaccination when possible.

Background

In December 2020, Marin County Public Health began vaccinating eligible residents with [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) the first available and approved COVID-19 vaccine in the United States. On March 31, 2021, Pfizer [released](#) results from its Phase 3 trial in 2,260 adolescents 12 to 15 years of age. It demonstrated 100% efficacy with 18 cases of COVID-19 observed in the placebo group (n=1,129) versus none in the vaccinated group (n=1,131). The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine demonstrated a stronger antibody response in 12 to 15-year-old participants than previous study participants. The vaccine was well tolerated, with side effects generally consistent with those observed in participants 16 to 25 years of age.

On Monday, May 10, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [expanded](#) the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to include adolescents 12 to 15 years of age. On May 12th, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) adopted the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents. The [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#) also concluded that the vaccine is safe and effective for this age group and supported its use. On May 13th, [Marin County](#) began offering vaccination to adolescents 12 years of age and older.

On May 14th, CDC updated its [clinical guidance](#) on [co-administration](#). COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing.

Actions Requested of Providers

1. Refer all eligible patients for COVID-19 vaccination. Appointments available at [GetVaccinatedMarin.org](#).
2. [Prepare](#) your practice to provide COVID-19 vaccination for children and adolescents.
3. Address individual concerns and [promote](#) vaccine confidence.
4. Review COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education [resources](#). More information available at [Marin County Coronavirus Information | COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
5. Review patients' immunization records and provide indicated vaccinations. If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each in a different injection site. For adolescents, the deltoid muscle can be used for more than one intramuscular injection.