



ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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St. Clair County Health Department to offer Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccinations For Age 6 month to 5 years old

Following the June 18th announcement by the CDC recommending that children age 6 months and older should get a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine

Belleville, IL – June 24, 2022 - The St. Clair County Health Department will begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 6 months and older starting Monday, June 27th, 2022. Both Pfizer/BioNTech (for those 6 months to 4 years) and Moderna (for those 6 months to 5 years) COVID vaccines are available and will be administered as outlined by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/) (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). Vaccine appointments can be set through the health department's website: <https://www.co.st-clair.il.us/departments/health-department/covid-19-information>.

Appointments will be available during normal health department hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the second Thursday of the month from 4 p.m. to 6:30 pm. The health department is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Family members and caregivers may also schedule appointments through the same link to receive their first, second and booster doses of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines according to eligibility as defined by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/). **Appointments are required for all COVID-19 vaccinations.** For more information or assistance with appointment setting, call 618-825-4447 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To manage expectations and improve efficiency during your appointment, please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time and adhere to the following:

- **Face masks are required** to be worn in healthcare settings, including the health department.
- Photo identification is required.



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- Age 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Bring your COVID vaccination card (for those seeking second or booster doses).
- ALL COVID Vaccine recipients are required to wait 15 to 30 minutes after receiving their COVID vaccination to monitor for any reactions.

The decision to include children ages 6 months and older was made after analyzing substantial data from clinical trials involving thousands of children, confirming the vaccine's safety and effectiveness for children in this age group. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine (for those 6 months to 4 years) is administered using three, 3-microgram doses. The Moderna vaccine (for those 6 months to 5 years) is administered in two, 25-microgram doses. Parents and caregivers should consult with their pediatrician to determine which vaccine your child age 6 months to 17 years of age should receive. The CDC also advises that children age 5 and older who receive the Pfizer vaccine should get a booster at least 5 months after their second shot.

Children and COVID-19 Vaccination			
Age Group	Series How many shots, and when?	Dosage Compared to adult dose	Booster Dose Are boosters recommended?
Pfizer			
6 months - 4 years	3-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd at least 2 months later	One-tenth	Not at this time
5 - 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	One-third	Yes, at least 5 months after second shot
12 - 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	Equal	Yes, at least 5 months after second shot
Moderna			
6 months - 5 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-quarter	Not at this time
6 - 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-half	Not at this time
12 - 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	Equal	Not at this time
Recommendations are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of June 18, 2022			





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As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the country and summer travel begins, getting vaccinated is our best line of defense to protect all people, including children 6 months and older, from getting severely ill with COVID-19.

About the St. Clair County Health Department

The St. Clair County Health Department, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in St. Clair County.

Learn more about the St. Clair County Health Department at <https://health.co.st-clair.il.us>. For more information, please contact Brenda Fedak at brenda.fedak@co.st-clair.il.us or via phone at 618-233-7703 ext. 4420

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