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Part 8: Messaging the COVID-19 to Adolescents



Helpful topics to consider when you are talking to your adolescent patients & their parents about the COVID-19 vaccine.

- The Pfizer vaccine is now available to anyone 12 and older.
- The time is now to get vaccinated.
- Getting vaccinated can help us get back to normal.
- Vaccines help protect you, your friends and family, and your community.
- Most Common FAQs



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- *This is a safe and effective vaccine.*
- *It has now been authorized by FDA and recommended by CDC for kids age 12-15, as well as for anyone 16 and up.*



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- Supply of the Pfizer vaccine is available right now.
- If you're a parent who wants to protect your child, or if you're a teenager who is interested in getting vaccinated to begin to get back to normal, now you can.
- You can go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or text your ZIP code to 438829 to find places near you that have Pfizer vaccine in stock.





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- If you're a teenager, over the past year you've missed hanging out with friends, sports, school, and seeing family.
- If you're a parent, you've probably seen the toll this pandemic has taken on your kids, missing out on so much of the life of being a teenager.
- Getting vaccinated is how we finally end this pandemic and begin to get back to our lives.
- Millions of 16-17 year-olds have already received at least one dose, and the more people get vaccinated, the more we'll be able to go to a game or movie, be able to see grandparents and friends, or even just hang out safely and normally without masks.



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- More than a million kids between 12-17 have already gotten COVID-19.
- Even though it's rare for kids to get severely ill from COVID-19, it can happen – and it's even more likely you could spread the virus to other people who are at greater risk.
- You also could face long-term health consequences from COVID-19, even if you don't get really sick from it right now. We are hearing more and more cases of young people suffering long-term health effects associated with COVID-19 that can prevent you from doing the things you want to do in life.



Most Common FAQs

Most frequently asked questions for adolescents

- Kids aren't getting severely ill from COVID-19, so why do they need to get vaccinated?
- How should my kid get a vaccine?
- Can adolescents get any of the other vaccines?
- Why is only Pfizer available?
- How do we know this vaccine is safe for kids?
- What side effects might my child get?





**Any questions please contact the
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