

COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5

On 6/15/22, the FDA VRBPAC voted unanimously 21 YES - 0 NO to **recommend authorization of both the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 2-dose primary series for children 6 months - 5 years (25 ug) and the Pfizer 3-dose series for children 6 months - 4 years (3 ug) under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).** See [VRBPAC agenda](#) and [slides](#).

- **Moderna <6:** “Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the benefits of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine when administered as a 2-dose series (25 ug each dose) outweigh its risks for use in infants and children 6 months through 5 years of age.”
- **Pfizer<5:** “Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine when administered as a 3-dose series (3 ug each dose) outweigh its risks for use in infants and children 6 months through 4 years of age.”

Next Steps

- The **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)** will meet on June 17 & 18 to review VRBPAC meeting outcomes and vote on recommendations on Saturday 6/18
 - CDC Director will issue a formal recommendation (or not) based on ACIP meeting outcomes
- Vaccine pre-orders were placed last week by providers, hospitals, District Offices and EMS crews. Vaccine will ship up upon approval for delivery no earlier than the week of June 20
- Vaccine should be widely available by the end of June/early July

Where children < 5 can get the Covid-19 vaccine

- Primary care providers will be the primary delivery source of vaccine to this age group.
- WIC enrolled families can get vaccinated at their WIC office.
- Health equity clinics will offer this vaccine and is being promoted by community partners that serve and support Vermonters that are disproportionately impacted by Covid.
- Some pharmacies will also carry this vaccine, but can only vaccinate children 3+
- Small walk-in clinics statewide that are promoted on www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine


| DATE | SITE | TIME | TOWN, COUNTY | VACCINE TYPE |
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| 06/15/2022 | Montpelier - General Services Bldg. 4 Governor Akin Ave. | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | Montpelier, Washington | Pfizer (Ages 5-11) Pfizer (Ages 12+) Moderna Johnson & Johnson |
| 06/15/2022 | Fairfield Community Center 124 School St. | 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Fairfield, Franklin | Pfizer (Ages 5-11) Pfizer (Ages 12+) Moderna |

Communication Toolkit

- Many Social Media, Newsletter, and E-mail templates to help communicate your planning around this vaccine.
- Can be tailored to your specific practice planning.
- Toolkit will continue to have new content added to it in the coming weeks.
- **Childcare providers are a trusted source of information for families – feel free to use this toolkit!**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15yAuB2a2PclUbCLx-tStawmSPPqA88kR?usp=sharing>

NEW: Social Media Posts

| FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM POSTS | | |
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| Channel | Post Text | Image Preview & Download Link |
| 1 – Facebook/Instagram | In the coming weeks, a COVID-19 vaccine will be approved for kids under 5. Protect your little ones from serious symptoms and illness with a shot made just for them. Find more on [practice URL or HealthVermont.gov/KidsVaccine] . #LittleArms #OurShotVT |  |

Sample Newsletter Posts: Under Five COVID-19 Vaccine

How to use: Customize and add this to your own newsletter, email list, or other communication channels to alert your patients that Vermonters ages 6 months through 4 years will soon be eligible for vaccination.

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Coming Soon! COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages 6 months through 4 years

The COVID-19 vaccines for kids under 5 could be approved as soon as early June. Getting children vaccinated against COVID-19 is the safer way to build protection against serious illness from COVID-19.

Most vaccines for this age group will be given at pediatricians' offices and other health care practices. There will also be limited availability at pharmacies or pop-up-type clinics. [\[Include what your practice is doing to prepare for vaccines here\]](#). For more information, [\[include how practice prefers to be reached\]](#) or go to healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine.