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**WHY SHOULD CHILDREN GET VACCINATED? IMPORTANT FACTS FOR PARENTS.**

- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently expanded the use of the Pfizer 2-dose vaccine to include individuals aged 12 and older.
- Getting the Pfizer vaccine can help protect children from getting COVID-19. Early information shows that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19 to others. They can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- The clinical trial for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine demonstrated 100% efficacy against symptomatic, laboratory confirmed COVID-19 in 12-15 year olds. Which is one of the many reasons why the FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 12 years of age and older.
- Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is the only one of 3 vaccines available to children 12 and older. Individuals under the age of 18 must provide a consent form signed by a parent or guardian.

Remember, everyone who gets vaccinated brings us one step closer to ending the COVID-19 pandemic which will help bring us back to doing the things we love!

To learn more about how the COVID-19 vaccines can help protect your child and your family, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines or the OCHD COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Program, please visit [www.ochd.org](http://www.ochd.org) or call the OCHD COVID-19 Information Hotline: 732-380-5079 (local) and 833-544-0288 (toll free).



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