



Frequently Asked Questions about High School COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

Beginning April 19, all Oregonians ages 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. That includes students at our local high schools.

How can students 16 and older receive a vaccination?

Throughout the region, students can access the vaccine at local pharmacies, through their primary care office, and at county mass vaccination clinics. Now, thanks to a partnership between schools throughout the region, Mosaic Pediatrics, La Pine Community Health Center, St. Charles Health System, Deschutes County Health Services and Crook County Health Department, high school students 16 and older will be able to access the two-dose Pfizer vaccination at free clinics staged at local high schools.

Are students required to get vaccinated?

No. No one is required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Participating in the clinic is voluntary.

Why are vaccine clinics being held at high schools?

Central Oregon has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in people ages 10 through 18. By working with medical partners who can offer vaccines to students on our school campuses, we can help slow the spread of the virus as students gather in the summer and remove barriers for students who might otherwise have a difficult time getting vaccinated. The clinic is taking place before, after and during school hours in an effort to allow any eligible student who wants a vaccine to be able to get one.

Who is administering the vaccine?

Medical professionals from partner agencies and their staff will administer the vaccine to eligible, interested students.

When is the clinic?

4/29	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bend Senior High School (First Dose)
5/4	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Mountain View High School (First Dose)
5/6	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Summit High School (First Dose)
5/7	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Redmond High School (First Dose)
5/4	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Crook County High School (First Dose)
5/11	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Ridgeview High School (First Dose)
5/13	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Sisters High School (First Dose)
5/20	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bend Senior High School (Second Dose)
5/25	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Mountain View High School (Second Dose)
5/25	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Crook County High School (Second Dose)
5/26	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Redmond High School (Second Dose)
5/27	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Summit High School (Second Dose)
6/1	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Ridgeview High School (Second Dose)
6/3	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Sisters High School (Second Dose)

Where will the clinic take place?

The vaccine clinics will take place in the school gymnasiums. Crook County's vaccine clinic will be held at Carey Foster Hall next to the high school.

What vaccine will students receive?

Students who participate in the clinic will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals age 16 and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is 95 percent effective against COVID-19 infection.

Is it safe?

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective. The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) requires rigorous safety testing before it will authorize any vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer was tested in thousands of study participants and generated enough data to convince the FDA that the vaccine was safe and effective.

What are the side effects for 16- and 17-year-olds who get vaccinated?

According to the Oregon Health Authority, the vaccine was tested on people 16–55 years of age. Most people develop some soreness at the injection site. Fatigue and headache are common. Less common are muscle aches, chills, joint pain, vomiting, or fever. These side effects are more common in the 16-55 age group than among older adults. Most side effects resolve after a day or two.

Can teenagers get the vaccine somewhere other than school?

Yes. If you'd prefer not to get vaccinated at school, you can pre-register at <https://www.centraloregoncovidvaccine.com/> for the mass vaccination site at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center. You can also go to the website, www.VaccineFinder.org, for information about how to find a vaccine appointment at a local retail pharmacy.

How much will it cost for students to be vaccinated at their school?

There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccination.

If a student gets vaccinated, will they still have to quarantine? What about wearing a mask?

State guidance indicates that anyone who is completely vaccinated (two weeks after their second dose of vaccine), and is not symptomatic, no longer needs to quarantine if exposed to a positive case of COVID-19. Currently, all students and staff must wear masks in school regardless of their vaccination status.

What if I don't want my student to get vaccinated?

Students are encouraged to discuss vaccinations with their families and make a decision about participation together. Learn more about vaccines through trusted sources, such as the CDC, Oregon Health Authority, or your doctor to make a decision about getting vaccinated. This is a personal, voluntary decision.