



COVID-19 Daily Update May 11, 2021

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Vermont preparing to open vaccination to 12- to 15-year-olds

Following the FDA’s authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds on Monday, state officials said at Tuesday’s press conference that Vermont is prepared to open registration as soon as it clears approval from the CDC.

Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, said the FDA’s action was “great news,” adding it was informed by clinical trials that included 2,260 children ages 12-15 years old in the U.S. — about half of whom got Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine.

“There were 18 cases of COVID-19 in the placebo group and, significantly, none in the vaccinated group — that’s 100% efficacy,” Dr. Levine said. “Side effects were about the same as those seen in people 16 years old and older.”

He encouraged parents — or anyone — with questions about the vaccine to visit healthvermont.gov/covid-19 or talk to a trusted pediatrician or health care provider.

“These conversations are the ones that will help you get the fact-based information you need to make an informed decision,” Dr. Levine said.

The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet on Wednesday and are expected to recommend the vaccine to the CDC, which will almost certainly approve its use that evening, Dr. Levine said.

Human Services Secretary Mike Smith said Vermont is planning to open registration as soon as possible. If the decision comes outside of business hours, registration will be opened at 8:15 a.m. the next morning, he said.

“As a reminder, families with children in this age group will be eligible to go to any site across the state that offers the Pfizer vaccine,” he said.

Beginning May 17, school-based clinics will also be available. The schedule should be finalized in the next couple of days, Sec. Smith said.

In the meantime, parents can start planning ahead by creating an account on our website: healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine. If you already have an account of your own, you can add your child as a dependent.

Walk-in vaccine opportunities now available

Looking to walk in to a vaccine clinic without an appointment? You can! Check out the latest opportunities on our website: healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine and follow our [social media feeds @healthvermont](#) to stay up to date.

Remember that a clinic's vaccine supply for walk-ins is limited, so the best way to guarantee your vaccination is to make an appointment through our [website](#).

COVID-19 testing is important and available right near you

COVID-19 is a highly transmissible virus, and getting tested is not just the only way to know if you have the virus, it's also how we protect our loved ones and our communities.

If you are unvaccinated (including children) and traveled outside the state, you must have a COVID-19 test within 3 days of returning to Vermont. For more details, visit [our website](#).

And if you have any [symptom](#), no matter how mild, such as a headache, cough, fatigue or a runny nose, talk to your health care provider to get referred for testing. It's also important to avoid going to work, school or other places until you receive a negative result.

Even if you don't have symptoms, you can still have COVID-19 and not feel sick. If you don't have symptoms and want to get tested, there are [many test sites](#) now available around the state. It's free and easy!

COVID-19 Activity in Vermont

As of 12 p.m. on May 11, 2021

Data is updated daily.

Description	Number
New cases	52 (23,606 total)
Currently hospitalized	14
Hospitalized in ICU	3
Hospitalized under investigation	1
Percent Positive (7-day average)	1%
People tested	385,897
Total tests	1,634,098

Total people recovered	21,611
Deaths	251

Find more data on COVID-19 Activity at: healthvermont.gov/currentactivity.

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

As of 12 p.m. on May 11, 2021

Data is updated Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Description	Number
Total people who have received least one dose of vaccine	377,793 (69.1% of 16+ population)
Total people who have completed vaccination	273,165 (50% of 16+ population)

Find more vaccine data on the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: healthvermont.gov/covid19-vaccine-data.

Additional Resources About Vaccination and More

- Find answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.
- Get Vermont-specific information in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Sign up for [the COVID-19 Weekly Email Update](#).
- Find information sheets, posters and toolkits, as well as translated materials on our [Resources web page](#).

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