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Rock Island County Health Department pediatric COVID clinics full until Dec. 17

The Rock Island County Health Department's Pfizer Friday COVID-19 clinics for children ages 5-11 are full until Dec. 17. The link to sign up for the Dec. 17 clinic for either first or second doses will be posted at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 on the health department's Facebook page.

The clinics on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, clinics will be second-dose appointments only — no first doses appointments will be offered on those dates. Families are to come at the same time as their first-dose appointment. Starting Dec. 17, Friday clinic appointments for children 5-11 will be for first or second doses and will require an appointment from a link on the department's Facebook page.

Links to schedule appointments will go live on the health department's Facebook page on the date and time shown below. However, because of holiday schedules, some dates are not exactly 21 days. The optimal window for second-doses is 17-42 days from the first dose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The most common interval for Pfizer is 21 days.

Dose 1 date	Signup from Facebook link	Dose 2 date
Nov. 5		Dec. 3 (appointment at same time as first dose)
Nov. 12		Dec. 3 (appt. at same time as first dose)
Nov. 19		Dec. 10 (appt. at same time as first dose)
Nov. 20		Dec. 10 (appt. at same time as first dose)
Dec. 3	No first dose appointments	Second-dose clinic from Nov. 5 and 12
Dec. 10	No first dose appointments	Second-dose clinic from Nov. 19 and 20
Dec. 17	10 a.m. Dec. 15	Jan. 7 (appointment required)
Dec. 24:	No clinic due to Christmas holiday	
Dec. 31:	No clinic due to New Year's holiday	
Jan. 7	10 a.m. Jan. 5	First- or second-dose clinic (appt. required)
Jan. 14	10 a.m. Jan. 12	First- or second-dose clinic (appt. required)
Jan. 21	10 a.m. Jan. 19	First- or second-dose clinic (appt. required)
Jan. 28	10 a.m. Jan. 26	First- or second-dose clinic (appt. required)

Other providers also are giving first and second doses to children ages 5-11. You can find other providers at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

“Getting more children protected through vaccination not only will protect those kids, but also their classmates, teachers, friends, teammates, and others in their family,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer and public information officer at the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, children who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine if they are exposed to the virus and are not showing symptoms.

Vaccination for those 12 and older

The health department also continues to give vaccinations for people 12 and older at clinics twice a week. No appointments are needed. Clinics are Tuesdays for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (18 and older) and Fridays for Pfizer for 12 and older. The hours for both days are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Boosters or third doses for immunocompromised people are available on the same day as first and second doses. Vaccines for those 12 and older are upstairs at the health department. Children 5-11 are vaccinated in clinical spaces on the department’s lower level.

In addition to vaccination, we all must continue to work to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Staying home when you are sick.
- Wearing a face covering. A mandate from Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker requires that everyone 2 and older wear a mask in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC recommends that everyone age 2 and older wear a mask in counties of high or substantial transmission, which includes much of the country.
- Keeping 6 feet of physical distance from others in public if you have not been fully vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently.

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