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## Rock Island County Health Department offers Pfizer boosters for 16- and 17-year-olds

The Rock Island County Health Department will offer Pfizer boosters to teens ages 16 and 17 at its regular Friday clinic. As with anyone 18 and older, COVID-19 boosters for 16- and 17-year-olds are allowed six months after the second dose.

The FDA and CDC gave the nod for the boosters for this age group on Thursday. At this time, only the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents ages 16 and 17.

RICHD offers walk-in vaccines on Tuesdays (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and Fridays (Pfizer). The hours for both days are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. First, second, third, and booster doses all are available.

The Friday, Dec. 10 appointment-only pediatric Pfizer clinic for children age 5-11 is full. The link for the Dec. 17 clinic will be posted at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 on the health department's Facebook page. Many of our healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccines for children.

To find a vaccine available at any provider, visit vaccines.gov. You can search by vaccine manufacturer, including pediatric doses, and by distance.

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