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Rock Island County Health Department offering Saturday COVID-19 clinic for kids

The Rock Island County Health Department will have a special Saturday clinic on Nov. 20 in an effort to get more children vaccinated by Christmas. The second dose will be given on Friday, Dec. 10.

The health department is continuing to offer the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11 during clinics most Fridays through the end of January.

Anyone 5 and older who starts the two-dose Pfizer series by Saturday, Nov. 20 and receives the second dose by Dec. 11 will be fully vaccinated on Dec. 25. Those 18 and older can get the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine by Dec. 11 and be fully vaccinated by Christmas.

“Getting your children and yourself vaccinated will be the best Christmas gift to your family,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer and public information officer of the Rock Island County Health Department. “You’re giving the gift of peace of mind and kindness.”

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.

The clinics on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, clinics will be second-dose appointments only — no first doses appointments will be offered 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.

Dose 1 date	Signup from Facebook link	Dose 2 date
Nov. 5		Dec. 3, due to Thanksgiving (28-day interval)
Nov. 8 (special clinic)		Nov. 29
Nov. 12		Dec. 3
Nov. 19	10 a.m. Nov. 17	Dec. 10
Nov. 20	10 a.m. Nov. 18	Dec. 10 (20-day interval)
Nov 26: No clinic due to Thanksgiving holiday		
Dec. 3	None	Second-dose clinic from Nov. 5 and 12
Dec. 10	None	Second-dose clinic from Nov. 19 and 20

Dec. 17	10 a.m. Dec. 15	Jan. 7
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
Jan. 14	10 a.m. Jan. 12	First- or second-dose clinic
Jan. 21	10 a.m. Jan. 19	First- or second-dose clinic
Jan. 28	10 a.m. Jan. 26	First- or second-dose clinic

Families also can seek their second dose from another provider. 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,” Hill said.

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

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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