

ENJOY SUMMER SAFELY

Louisianans ages 12 and up can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine, following a thorough review and decision by the FDA and CDC.

Now, more families have the ability to protect their children and families and enjoy summer with confidence.



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

To make an appointment, just call **855-453-0774** or visit COVIDvaccine.la.gov.

By calling the hotline, families can get their questions answered, talk to medical professionals and get appointments scheduled.

YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE ANSWERS.

ARE THE VACCINES SAFE FOR KIDS?

Yes, the newly authorized Pfizer shot is safe and effective. In trials, the vaccine has demonstrated 100% effectiveness in children as young as 12 years old with minimal side effects. The vaccine is so safe that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) urges teens and adults to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available to them.

ARE THE VACCINES FREE?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are free to everyone. Providers can't ask a patient for payment. Providers can bill your insurance – including Medicare or Medicaid – for a vaccine administration fee or the federal government if the person is uninsured.

WHAT ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

Some people may experience mild to moderate pain or swelling in the arm where the shot was given, fever, chills, tiredness and/or headaches. These are normal and a positive sign that your body is building protection. These side effects usually go away within a couple of days.

MY STUDENT HAS A DISABILITY. SHOULD THEY BE VACCINATED?

Yes, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children and youth with special health care needs receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible.

IS PARENTAL CONSENT NEEDED FOR A PERSON UNDER AGE 18 TO GET THE SHOT? IF SO, CAN THE CONSENT BE GIVEN BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PARENT?

Yes, parental consent for anyone under 18 years old is required. This can be done in person or via a signed form found on this page: ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine/.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

That's not uncommon ... most people do. We encourage you to visit COVIDvaccine.la.gov or scan the QR code and get the facts about vaccines, where you can get vaccinated and more.



CAN MY STUDENT GET A SHOT NOW?

Yes, getting a vaccination is easy. There are plenty of locations throughout the state that are offering the vaccine. To find out where, to make an appointment or to get your questions answered, just call **855-453-0774** or visit COVIDvaccine.la.gov.