

## Green light to vaccinate adolescents 12-15 years old!

It was just announced that adolescents 12 and up can NOW get vaccinated with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine! This gives facilities the opportunity to broaden their Life Enrichment list to help minimize vaccine waste from the Pfizer 6-dose vial. More importantly, extending the vaccine to staff family members is a very good way to provide better community immunity and help protect our residents. For vaccination to do its job, we must do our critical part and vaccinate as many eligible people as possible.

### It is safe

The FDA, CDC and Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup approval of this age group is another important step to getting out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and closer to normalcy. The approval was led by doctors, pediatricians, and health experts, and parents can be confident in the safety of the Pfizer vaccine for youth. If parents or kids have questions about the vaccine, encourage them to reach out to a pharmacist or family doctor to get questions answered.

### It is effective!

Clinical trials showed that Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine demonstrated 100% effective and robust antibody responses in adolescents from 12 to 15 years old. The phase 3 trial included 2,260 adolescents. Maximum efficacy is achieved when 2 doses are given 3 weeks apart.

### It requires consent

Consent from a parent or guardian is required to get the vaccine and an adult must be present with the child to get the vaccine unless state rules allow for exceptions. Follow your current state/jurisdiction medical consent laws for this age group.

### Update: Separation of vaccines no longer needed

COVID-19 vaccines may now be administered simultaneously with other vaccines on the same day. There is no need to separate COVID-19 vaccine from other vaccinations by 14 days as previously recommended. Data suggests that immunogenicity and adverse event profiles are generally similar when vaccines are administered simultaneously as when they are administered alone.

### Vaccine supply is strong and reliable

Consonus has dispensed over 4500 doses of vaccine in our continuity program, and we have a strong and reliable supply to speed up the pace of vaccinating. Ordering is easy! If you have questions about how you can order the VaccPack from Consonus Pharmacy, please contact your consultant nurse or pharmacist. You may also email [vaccineorders@consonushealth.com](mailto:vaccineorders@consonushealth.com).

Consonus products by pharmacy location:

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Pfizer	●		●	●
Moderna		●	●	
Janssen		●	●	