



RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL VACCINATION EVENTS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is eligible to get vaccinated at Rhode Island school vaccination events?

We encourage all students age 16 and older to sign up to get vaccinated at these events. Also, all members of the school community, such as staff and family members, age 16 and older are encouraged to sign up if they have not yet been vaccinated.

Check with your school/municipality to learn how students and other members of school communities can sign up to get vaccinated.

How will students and school communities register for these events?

Each municipality is working with school leaders to organize events in the best way to serve the local community. When they have the plans ready, they will let you know.

Do high school students need to have parents/guardians sign any forms before getting vaccinated?

No consent paperwork is required in advance. People age 16 and older can consent to vaccination and attend their appointment for vaccination by themselves.

This guidance comes from the state statute RIGL 23-4.6-1 “(a) Any person of the age of sixteen (16) or over or married may consent to routine, emergency, medical or surgical care. A minor parent may consent to treatment of his or her child.”

Will students and school communities need to show identification or have insurance?

No. You do not need identification to get vaccinated. The vaccination does not cost anything, and you do not need to have insurance.

How will students and school communities get their second dose of the vaccine?

Students and others who get vaccinated at these events will be asked to schedule their second dose during the 15 minute observation period after their first dose is administered. The vaccination event organizers will be able to tell you exactly when and where the second dose event is.

How can students and school communities get vaccinated if they miss the school events?

Students can ask school administrators if there are more clinics being held throughout the district.

We urge students, families, and staff not to wait if they miss the school event. Many appointments are available now at different locations across the state. Sign up for a vaccination appointment at www.vaccinateri.org.



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What do I need to bring to my vaccination appointment?

Please wear a mask and loose-fitting clothing that allows easy access to your upper arm. Follow social distancing guidelines at your appointment.

Will there be an opportunity to enter health insurance information?

If you have a health insurance card, please bring it. If you do not have a health insurance card, you can still get vaccinated. Adding health insurance information to your vaccine record is optional.

How can I check my vaccination record?

Student COVID-19 vaccine documentation will automatically be uploaded to the Rhode Island Department of Health children's health information system, [KIDSNET](#).

Rhode Islanders can now get a copy of their COVID-19 vaccine record through portal.ri.gov/VaccineRecord. From this website, you can search for and print proof of your COVID-19 vaccination. If you need a second dose of vaccine, this record will tell you when you are eligible to get your second dose. Please note that only people who have received their COVID-19 vaccination in Rhode Island will be able to look up their vaccination record online.

[Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Is the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine safe?

Safety is a top priority. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was tested in large clinical trials with people of different ages, races, ethnicities, and people with different health conditions to make sure it is safe.

No steps involving safety have been skipped—COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same standards as other vaccines to make sure they are safe. To ensure the safety of all vaccines in the United States, there is a rigorous vaccine development and approval process. Once a vaccine is available for use, there are additional systems in place to continue to ensure safety.

Will the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine make me sick?

No. Vaccines do not cause COVID-19 disease. However, vaccines can cause your immune system to respond. This is a sign that the vaccine—and your body's immune system—is working.

We expect people to have symptoms after vaccination with any of the currently available vaccines. People may feel some soreness in their upper arms, some aches, fever, and fatigue. These symptoms may be more noticeable than those that occur with a flu vaccine. This is completely normal, and they will clear up in a few days. Some people may experience no symptoms.

Find more information about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at fda.gov/media/144414/download