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Solano County expands COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to very young children per state guidance; visit healthcare provider to get up to date on childhood vaccinations

SOLANO COUNTY — Solano County is expanding vaccine eligibility to all individuals living in Solano County who are ages six (6) months through four (4) years of age, in accordance with state and national guidance to expand eligibility to this age group. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is approved for individuals age six (6) months through four (4) years of age. The Moderna vaccine is approved for individuals age six (6) months through five (5) years of age.

The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup unanimously concluded that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are safe and effective for children six (6) months and older, following the Emergency Use Authorization from the United States Food and Drug Administration and the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Solano County encourages its residents to visit their child's healthcare provider to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as catch-up with all recommended childhood immunizations.

"Getting the COVID-19 vaccine along with the recommended childhood immunizations will protect children from severe illness and disease," said Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. "We encourage parents and care givers to contact their child's healthcare provider and schedule their well-child visit to keep them safe and healthy, as well as prepare for the new school year."

Due to the significant decline in well-child visits and immunizations during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the "**Bee-wise, Immunize!**" campaign was launched. The campaign is a joint effort involving Solano County, First 5 Solano, Partnership HealthPlan, Childstart, and Solano County school districts, and encourages families to get up-to-date on routine visits and vaccinations with their child's primary care provider or community clinic. For help finding a primary care provider or getting health insurance, call Help Me Grow Solano at (844) 501-5437 or visit www.HelpMeGrowSolano.org.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Homebound individuals interested in requesting an in-home vaccination appointment are encouraged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 for scheduling assistance.
- Residents without transportation to and from vaccine sites hosted by Solano County are urged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 and arrange for a free ride through Uber.
- For vaccine clinic updates and upcoming vaccine clinics in Solano County, visit www.solanocounty.com/covidvaccine.
- For vaccine clinics available throughout the State, visit www.myturn.ca.gov or www.vaccines.gov
- For the most recent local COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Solano County as reflected on the COVID-19 dashboard, visit www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19 and on Facebook at [@SolanoCountyPH](https://www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH).

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