



HEALTH ADVISORY #200

CDC Recommends Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 6 through 17 Years

TO: West Virginia Healthcare Providers, Hospitals and Other Healthcare Facilities

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LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: Please distribute to community health providers, hospital-based physicians, infection control preventionists, laboratory directors and other applicable partners.

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On June 24, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine as an option for children ages 6 years through 17 years, in addition to Moderna COVID-19 vaccines already recommended for use in children ages 6 months through 5 years and adults 18 years and older.

The Moderna vaccines for ages 6 years through 17 years currently come as two separate products: one for children ages 6 years through 11 years (supplied in a multiple-dose vial with a **dark blue cap and purple border*** and administered as **0.5 mL**) and another for children ages 12 through 17 years (supplied in a multiple-dose vial with a **red cap and light blue border** and administered as **0.5mL**). In children ages 6 years through 11 years, the primary series is 2 doses with a one-month interval between doses. Similarly, in children ages 12 years through 17 years, the primary series is 2 doses with a one-month interval between doses.

For those who **are moderately to severely immunocompromised**, an additional primary dose (i.e., 3rd dose) is recommended for ages 6 years through 17 years. Additional primary doses should be administered using the age-appropriate Moderna product (for those who started their primary series with Moderna), with at least 1 month between the 2nd and 3rd doses.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are not currently authorized to provide booster doses to individuals 6 years through 17 years of age.

*Note that the Moderna vaccine for ages 6 years through 11 years (dark blue cap and purple border) is labeled "BOOSTER DOSES ONLY" but is also recommended and approved for use in children ages 6 years through 11 years (pending release of a new age-specific label for the younger age group). This vial is used for the primary series in ages 6 years through 11 years **and** as booster dose **only** for ages 18 and older.

A [FDA wallchart of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine presentations](#) is available for easy viewing of the Moderna vaccine products.

The [EUA fact sheet for providers](#) should be reviewed thoroughly before initiating vaccinations for children 12 years through 17 years. The [EUA fact sheet for recipients and caregivers](#) must be provided to parents.

The [EUA fact sheet for providers](#) should be reviewed thoroughly before initiating vaccinations for children 6 years through 11 years. The [EUA fact sheet for recipients and caregivers](#) must be provided to parents.

Visit the [WV COVID-19 Vaccination Due Date Calculator](#), a free, online tool that helps people figure out when they may be due for a COVID-19 shot and what type(s) of COVID-19 shots they are eligible to receive, making it easier to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination.

For additional information on the COVID-19 vaccines, including a [tip sheet on preventing vaccine errors](#), visit the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy at <https://www.wvbop.com/>.

For questions about this advisory, contact the Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services (OEPS) at 1-800-423-1271, ext. 1; 304-558-5358, ext. 2; or the 24/7 answering service at 304-342-5151.