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**Children ages 12-15 are now eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine**

**Eau Claire, WI, May 13, 2021** – Beginning today, children 12-15 years old are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. In Eau Claire County, this means an additional ~4,000 people will be now eligible for vaccination. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses for full protection and is the first and only vaccine available for this age group.

After successful clinical trials and a rigorous review of all available data, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized Pfizer’s request to expand the emergency use authorization (EUA) to include adolescents ages 12-15. On Wednesday, May 12, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) confirmed the vaccine is safe and voted to recommend the vaccine to the age group.

“This is another step forward to increase the number of people who are protected from COVID-19. Clinical trials have shown the vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 in 12-15 year olds,” says Lieske Giese, Health Department Director.

**Where can my child get Pfizer vaccine?**

There are several places to get a vaccine. Your child may be vaccinated through their healthcare provider, a local pharmacy, or the Health Department. **Find links to all sites at: [bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec](https://bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec) or by visiting [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).**

**The Health Department site at UW-Eau Claire - Zorn Arena is providing Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds beginning today.** Appointments are available weekend and evening hours.

** UWEC- Zorn Arena Clinic Information**

- **Hours this week: Open Thursday, May 13, 11am-7pm and Friday, May 14, 11am-7pm**
  - No clinic will be held on Saturday, May 15 this week.
  - Beginning Tuesday, May 18th, hours will be changing to Tuesday-Thursday 3pm-7pm, Friday 10am-2pm, and Saturday 9am-1pm.
- **Location: UWEC Zorn Arena, 121 Garfield Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701**
  - Parking at Hibbard Hall Lot. No permit required) For a map and directions, click [here](#).
- **Appointments: Sign up for an appointment at [vaccinate.wi.gov](https://vaccinate.wi.gov). Appointments preferred, but walk-ins accepted until 6:30pm daily.**
  - Parent/guardian consent is required to book an appointment and a parent/guardian needs to come to the appointment for 12 -17 year olds.

- If you need help registering or booking an appointment time, do not have email, or need an interpreter, please call the State Call Center at (844) 684-1064. Help is available in Spanish, Hmong and other languages.

For more information, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/parents.htm>

Fact sheet on What Parents and Guardians should know:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02990.pdf>

For more information about COVID-19 in Eau Claire County, visit: [covid19eauclaire.org](https://www.covid19eauclaire.org)

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