

# NMPED & NMDOH

## Student Vaccination Updates



The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and Public Education Department (PED) announce Student COVID-19 Vaccination Week May 3rd through May 8th. Students ages 16 and older will be given priority for first-dose appointments made through the NMDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System. Students under the age of 18 will need to provide a signed, parental consent form.

### WHERE DO WE REGISTER?

To schedule a vaccination appointment, families should register their students online at [VaccineNM.org](https://VaccineNM.org) where they will be connected to local providers and available appointment times. The Department of Health can also assist those who need help registering for the event - including those who do not have Internet access. Please call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-855-600-3453, press option 0 (zero) for vaccine questions, and then option 4 for tech support.

### WHICH VACCINE WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and Moderna vaccines will be available for these appointments. Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine available for students 16-to-17-years-old.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR QUARANTINE AND CLOSE CONTACT PROTOCOLS?

Once students are fully vaccinated, they will not have to quarantine should they be identified as close contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual. Fully vaccinated students are also not considered part of the student surveillance testing pool.

### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE AT ANY OTHER TIME? WHAT ABOUT MY YOUNGER CHILDREN?

Though there is a push to get students vaccinated the week of May 3rd through the 8th, students may be vaccinated before or after that week. Families should also register students who are not yet old enough to receive the vaccine. There will be additional vaccination efforts once vaccines are approved for use in younger students.

