



An Update from the Broward County COVID-19 JIC May 11, 2021

BREAKING NEWS: CHILDREN 12- TO 15-YEARS OLD WILL SOON BE ABLE TO RECEIVE VACCINE

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Monday authorized use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 12- to 15-year olds in the U.S. This is a major move forward for local communities working hard to increase vaccination rates among younger populations, achieve herd immunity and have life return to normal, complete with team sports, summer camps and group activities. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is meeting Wednesday. If the ACIP amends their recommendations on who should receive the Pfizer vaccine to include 12-15 year olds and the CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, accepts the recommendations, then vaccination of this age group can commence soon after.

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) has been preparing for this for weeks. DOH-Broward will quickly begin to vaccinate 12-15 year olds at all of their sites once approval is received. A parent or guardian must be present at community vaccination sites to sign the consent form for anyone less than 18 years old.

Additionally, DOH-Broward has partnered with Broward County Public Schools and is providing vaccination in all Broward County public high schools and participating charter high schools for students 16+, staff and their families.

Stay tuned for details – coming soon. In the meantime, [vaccination sites](#) are open for all residents age 16+. No appointment required.

VACCINATION AND TEST COLLECTION SITE UPDATES

Florida Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward), Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and partners continue to make updates to vaccination and test site locations to ensure residents have maximum availability to vaccine and testing at places and times that meet their needs.

DOH-Broward has announced:

- The Coral Square Mall vaccination site in Coral Springs is adding weekend hours to give residents easy access to the vaccine. Effective Friday, May 14, new days and hours of operation will be 12PM – 8PM Wednesday through Friday, and 10AM – 6PM Saturday and Sunday.
- Quiet Waters Park vaccination site is expanding its hours of operation to 8AM – 6PM, Sunday through Thursday, effective Monday, May 17.
- Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium and Tree Tops Park recently expanded their hours from 8AM to 6PM on their respective days of operation, to assist working families.
- T.Y. (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park vaccination site will close permanently on Saturday, May 22. Reopenings of many park amenities will quickly follow.

Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has announced:

- The Vincent Torres Memorial Park vaccination site location in Lauderdale Lakes will convert to a mobile site effective Wednesday, May 12 and will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10AM – 6PM. No appointment is required. For more information, call 954-535-2807 or visit lauderdalelakes.org.
- The Drive Pink Stadium (formerly InterMiami CF Stadium) vaccination site will close permanently on Friday, May 14.
- The following FDEM-operated test collections will also be closing permanently:

--Miramar Youth Enrichment Center - Friday, May 14

--Lauderhill Sportspark – Saturday, May 15

--Florida Panthers Ice Den – Sunday, May 16

[Broward Test Collection Sites](#)

[Broward Vaccination Sites](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For DOH-Broward, visit FloridaHealth.gov; call 866-779-6121 or eMail COVID-19@flhealth.gov

For Broward County, visit GetVaccinated.Broward.org; or call COVID-19 Hotline at 954-357-9500

This update was prepared by Broward County ESF 14 – Public Information for the purpose of keeping elected officials, municipal contacts and key stakeholders informed about collaborative activities in our community to combat COVID-19. Questions, email publicinfo@Broward.org.

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