



Island County COVID Response

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Island County to start vaccinating ages 5 and older

Island County COVID Response has scheduled COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children ages 5 and older.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Early information shows that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19 to others. They can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.

Currently, only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for emergency use authorization for children ages 5 to 11.

The following vaccination clinics are scheduled for children ages 5 and older to receive first doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine:

- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13** at Oak Harbor Elementary School, 151 S.E. Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor.
- **4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16** at South Whidbey Elementary School, North Campus, 5380 Maxwellton Road, Langley.
- **4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18** at Coupeville Elementary School, 6 S. Main St., Coupeville.

Appointments must be made using each schools' online forms via Signup Genius. See flyers at the bottom of <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx> for QR codes.

A COVID-19 vaccination card will be issued for each child after their vaccine is administered. That card should be presented at the follow-up clinic three weeks later.

The following vaccination clinics for children ages 5 and older receiving second doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are scheduled:

- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4** at Oak Harbor Elementary School, 151 S.E. Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor.
- **4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7** at South Whidbey Elementary School, North Campus, 5380 Maxwellton Road, Langley.
- **4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9** at Coupeville Elementary School, 6 S. Main St., Coupeville.

Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated can resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic.

According to the CDC:

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in adolescents.
- Each child receiving a first dose of the Pfizer vaccine will need a second shot of the Pfizer vaccine at least three weeks after the first.
- Children ages 5 to 11 will receive 0.2ml of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Children ages 12 to 17 will receive 0.3 ml. There are no patient weight requirements for COVID-19 vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccine dosage does not vary by patient weight.
- Your child cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine.
- Your child may get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines, such as measles, MMR or chicken pox.

- Until children are fully vaccinated, they should continue wearing a mask in public spaces and around people they don't live with.

Prepare for your child's vaccination visit:

- [Get CDC](#) tips for how to support your child before, during, and after the visit.
- Talk to your child before the visit about what to expect.
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have.
- Comfort your child during the appointment.
- To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated or lying down during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.
- After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15-30 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.

For CDC information click [here](#).

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*For information about where to locate a COVID-19 vaccination site near you, visit the state's [Vaccine Locator](#) or call the COVID Response Information Hotline at **1-800-525-0127**, then press #. Language assistance is available. For more information about COVID-19 visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page. The Island County Call Center may be reached at **360-678-2301** from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.*