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Stanislaus County Expands COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility to Adolescents 12-15

Stanislaus County - Following the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Stanislaus County vaccine clinics will expand Pfizer vaccine access to adolescents aged 12-15 years. The Pfizer vaccine will be available to everyone age 12 and over at the following vaccine sites this week:

El Concilio Community Resource Center

May 13th, 2021 from 3pm-7pm (or until supply runs out) Address: 1314 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Stanislaus State

May 14th and 15th, 2021 9am-5pm (or until supply runs out) Address: 1 University Circle Turlock, California 95382 Located at Fitzpatrick Arena

West Modesto Community Center (next to Paradise Medical Office)

May 15th, 2021 from 11am-5pm

Address: 401 Paradise Road, Ste. E, Modesto, CA 95351

"Vaccination is the best way to protect ourselves from COVID-19. We welcome the news of the expansion of the Pfizer vaccine FDA authorization to adolescents ages 12 to 15," said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer. 'We cannot stress enough the importance of getting vaccinated to protect yourself and your family and strongly encourage parents and guardians to have those 12 and over vaccinated quickly, so the kids can get back to some form of normalcy."

From March 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, approximately 3,602 COVID-19 cases in individuals 12 to 17 years of age have been reported to Public Health. In the past two months, Stanislaus County Public Health confirmed 620 cases of COVID-19 in schools with 69% of those cases amongst students. This resulted in 287 quarantines that impacted 2,008 staff and 4,381 students. Additionally, 25 school sports team were quarantined due to a positive case. There were 4 clusters and 3 outbreaks linked to sports. Vaccination is key to keeping our students learning and engaging in other school-based activities without interruption.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart. Parents or guardians need to be present with their child for vaccination. For additional questions, please call the COVID-19 call center at 209-558-7535.

Vaccines are available by appointments or walk-ins. Community members are encouraged to visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call 1-833-540-0473 to find the nearest vaccination site, if they choose to make an appointment. Vaccinations are always free and open to those who live and work in Stanislaus County regardless of immigration status. For more information on mobile clinics and other mass vaccination clinic sites, please visit www.schsa.org/coronavirus/.

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