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DOH-PASCO IS WORKING WITH PASCO SCHOOLS TO VACCINATE CHILDREN AGE 12 AND UP

Over 242,000 People Vaccinated in Pasco County

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UPDATE: For more information on the Pasco County Schools vaccination clinics, go to https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/news/page/student-covid-19-vaccine-clinics-available-summer-2021.

PASCO COUNTY, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County (DOH-Pasco) is partnering with Pasco County Schools and Health Heroes to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations to Pasco County children age 12 and older. Free vaccinations will also be made available to children's eligible family members. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive the vaccine.

DOH-Pasco encourages parents and guardians not to wait to get their children vaccinated. The first day of school for students in Pasco County Schools is August 10. In order to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of school, students must receive their first dose of Pfizer no later than July 6. This allows for three weeks between the first and second dose and then another two weeks to be fully immunized.

Students who are fully vaccinated may be able to avoid being quarantined and excluded from the classroom due to exposure. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that if a fully vaccinated individual has been around someone who has COVID-19, they are not required to stay away from others or get tested unless they have symptoms.

As of Tuesday, June 8, Pasco County has vaccinated 242,721 people: 42,111 people have received their first doses and 200,610 people have completed their second doses. In addition, the seven-day COVID-19 positivity rate in Pasco County as of Tuesday, June 9 is 4.1 percent.

COVID-19 vaccine updates for June:

- DOH-Pasco is no longer providing COVID-19 vaccinations at the Gulf View Square Mall or Saint Leo University.

- COVID-19 vaccination appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at two DOH-Pasco clinic locations:

    - 13941 15th St., Dade City, FL 33525
    - 10841 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654

To schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination at a DOH-Pasco clinic, individuals can call **727-861-5260** and select **Option 1** for Medical Services then **Option 2** for Immunizations.

To expedite the registration process at the new vaccination clinic sites, DOH-Pasco asks individuals who make an appointment by phone to complete the Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form prior to arriving. Consent forms are available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole on the DOH-Pasco COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution webpage.

DOH-Pasco is asking people with scheduled appointments to arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled time. It will result in a longer wait for you and others adhering to their times. It is required to have a photo I.D. when checking in for all vaccination appointments.

At this time, DOH-Pasco only has the Moderna vaccine, which means DOH-Pasco is unable to provide vaccine to individuals who are 12-17 years old. However, Pasco County has over 130 locations providing vaccine throughout the county, and many of them offer the Pfizer vaccine. Visit the DOH Vaccine Locator webpage to find COVID-19 vaccination sites by county or city.

Testing Reminder: DOH-Pasco is no longer providing COVID-19 testing at the Gulf View Square Mall, and testing is NOT offered at Saint Leo University. For additional testing sites in Pasco County, go to bit.ly/PascoCOVIDtest.

For information on DOH-Pasco's vaccination operations, please visit Pasco.FloridaHealth.gov.
For questions about second dose vaccination, please visit: COVID-19 Vaccine Second Dose and for frequently asked questions, please visit: COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs

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