



# Availability of 2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccines

Does Piedmont Pediatrics have the new updated 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccines in the office? Yes, Piedmont Pediatrics has received a supply of the updated **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months and older. Please read the following for more details.

## **Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccination**

Piedmont Pediatrics follows the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), based on the latest scientific evidence and expert consensus. The AAP recommends COVID-19 vaccination for the following groups:

- 1. Infants 6 through 23 months old
- 2. Children 2 years and older who are at high risk of severe COVID-19
- 3. Children 2 years and older who have household contacts at high risk for severe COVID-19
- 4. Children 2 years and older who have never been vaccinated against COVID-19
- 5. Children 2 years and older whose parents/guardians desire protection against COVID-19

**Note:** These recommendations differ from the CDC guidelines, which do not recommend routine COVID-19 vaccination for healthy children. The (<u>ACIP Recommends COVID-19 Immunization Based on Individual Decision-making J HHS.gov</u>).

## **Scheduling and Consent for Vaccination**

- If you have already signed up for the flu vaccine clinics, you can add the COVID-19 vaccine during your visit without needing to call in advance.
- To sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine only, please visit our website.
- For children receiving the COVID-19 vaccine during vaccine clinics, a consent form will be completed at the clinic upon arrival.

### Vaccine Schedule for Children

Children 6 months - 23 months old:

- **If never vaccinated:** Two doses of Moderna 2025-26, with the second dose 8 weeks after the first.
- If received 1 previous Pfizer dose: One Moderna dose, followed by another 8 weeks later.
- If received 2 previous Pfizer doses: One dose of Moderna 2025-26.
- If received 3 or more previous Pfizer doses: One dose of Moderna 2025-26.

#### Children 2 years and older:

Regardless of previous vaccination status, they will receive one dose of the 2025-26 vaccine.

## **Additional Information and FAQs**

My child can get the COVID-19 vaccine at my pharmacy, but the staff there require a prescription from you for the vaccine. Will you call in COVID-19 vaccines to the pharmacy?

Prescriptions for COVID-19 vaccines *can* be sent to pharmacies for patients 12 years and older ONLY if the vaccine is unavailable in our office. In addition, you MUST CONFIRM the vaccine brand at the pharmacy before requesting a prescription.

My child had COVID-19 infection. Does my child still need to get the updated vaccine?

If your child recently had COVID-19, consider delaying the vaccine by 3-4 months, unless the risk of severe disease or close contact exposure necessitates earlier vaccination.

One of my children is coming into the office for an appointment. May I bring my other children with me to get their flu/COVID-19 vaccine?

You may bring your other children for vaccination when you have an appointment, provided they are not ill. Inform the front desk upon check-in.

My child is scheduled for a physical soon. Can my child get the Flu and/or COVID-19 vaccine then?

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered during most check-ups and some sick visits. Both vaccines can be given on the same day.

I signed up for one of the vaccine clinics, but then my child received their Flu and/or COVID vaccine during our office appointment. What do I need to do?

If your child receives their vaccine before the scheduled clinic time, please cancel your appointment through the confirmation email.

My child is a new patient at Piedmont Pediatrics but has not had his first appointment there yet. Can I still use the vaccine clinics?

New patients must have an initial doctor visit before attending vaccine clinics - even if a sibling has already been seen. You MUST schedule an appointment to review your child's past

medical history and administer vaccines.

Please remember that children with a fever should not attend vaccine clinics. Further information about the COVID-19 vaccine, including VIS sheets, are available on our website at www.piedmontpediatrics.org. We will also post updates or changes on our website and social media.

Additional information can also be found at: COVID-19 - HealthyChildren.org