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Q How can I get my child (12+) vaccinated to protect against COVID-19?

Fact: Parents and legal guardians can verbally consent for the shot (preferably in person), and that parent or legal guardian should be prepared to show that they live in NYS. Minors who are married, a parent, pregnant or in the military can consent for themselves.

Bring proof of child's age, which could include a birth certificate, passport, school ID with a birthdate, driver's license, learner's permit or some other form of identification.

Minors with a history of fainting or allergic reactions to shots should have a parent or legal guardian present.

Twelve to 17-year-olds are only authorized to get the Pfizer/BioNTech shot and should go to a vaccination site where that is offered. Get your answers at [GetYourAnswers.org](https://www.getyouranswers.org).

Q Is the vaccine safe if I am pregnant or considering getting pregnant?

Fact: When it comes to fertility, pregnancy and breastfeeding, there are no known safety concerns with the vaccine. Doctors recommend COVID vaccines for pregnant and breast feeding women and their babies, who are at higher risk of hospitalizations and death from COVID. Get your answers at [GetYourAnswers.org](https://www.getyouranswers.org).

Q What's the current status of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine?

NYS has resumed use of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine at all state-run sites. **The identification of a very rare risk associated with the vaccine is a sign that the safety monitoring system for COVID vaccines is working.** During the 10-day pause, health officials reviewed the data to better understand the risk, leading to the decision to restart. The pause also helped doctors recognize a potential treatment problem and be prepared to treat it.

Getting the first available COVID vaccine is the best thing you can do to protect your health and your family's health. All three authorized vaccines are available at vaccination sites in our community and continue to show very strong safety and efficacy. Get your answers at [GetYourAnswers.org](https://www.getyouranswers.org).

Sources: CDC.gov, www.flvaccinehub.org

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