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City Begins Administering COVID-19 Booster to Children Ages 12 to 15

Families Encouraged to Schedule Vaccine Appointments

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso is pleased to announce that they will begin administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster to children ages 12 to 15 and a third dose to children 5 to 11 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, effective immediately at all City COVID-19 Vaccine sites **by appointment only**.

The booster shots will be available five months after an eligible person receives his or her second dose of a vaccine. Third doses for moderately or severely immunocompromised children ages 5 to 11 should be administered 28 days after their second dose.

Health officials advised that parental or guardian consent is required for the vaccination of minors. Parents can schedule an appointment at www.EPCovidVaccine.com.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also authorized people who received the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to receive the booster shot 5 months after getting their second dose. The booster interval recommendation for people who received the J&J vaccine remains at 2 months.

“We are excited to be able to provide an extra layer of protection and further safeguard our young children from severe complications arising from COVID-19 infection,” said City-County Health Authority Dr. Hector Ocaranza. “Immunization is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children’s health. We also need to continue practicing additional health and safety measures such as using a face cover, practicing social distancing, and making it a habit to frequently wash your hands.”

The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered by appointment only at the following locations:

Convention Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza
Monday – Friday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

COVID-19 Clinics
Monday – Saturday
8 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

- 220 S. Stanton (corner of First and Stanton)
- 7380 Remcon
- 9566 Railroad
- Ysleta Clinic, 110 Candelaria St.

The Outlet Shoppes at El Paso
(5 years and older, APPOINTMENT NEEDED)
7051 S. Desert Blvd. Suite F600
(near Adidas and Columbia Sportswear)
January through February 26, 2022
Tuesday through Saturday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information about COVID-19, visit www.EPStrong.org.

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