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COVID-19 Vaccine for Adolescents Age 12 to 15

BREMER COUNTY, IA – On Monday, May 10, 2021 the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [approved the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to include adolescents 12-15 years of age](#). However, before the Pfizer vaccine can be administered to this age group, the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) must meet to discuss safety and use of Pfizer vaccine for adolescents. This [meeting](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021. If the evidence shows that the vaccine is safe and effective for use in individuals 12 to 15 years of age, then clinical guidance for providers will be finalized. It may take a few days for the written clinical guidance to be available for local vaccine providers.

The Bremer County Health Departments asks parents and guardians of adolescents age 12 to 15 to wait to schedule appointments for this age group until the written clinical guidance is available to vaccine providers. As a reminder, currently individuals age 16 and older may receive the Pfizer vaccine, and individuals 18 and older may receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines. Getting a vaccine is easy and convenient. To find a vaccine provider in Bremer County visit www.vaccines.gov.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider, pharmacist, or the Bremer County Health Department at 319-352-0082. Additional information can also be found at <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/> or <https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/>.

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