



# COVID-19 Vaccine Permission for Young People (Ages 5-17)

**Vaccinating the whole city, including young people, is important to stopping the spread of COVID-19. San Francisco is making it easy for young people to get vaccinated for COVID-19.**

**People 5-11 must get permission from a parent or guardian to get the COVID-19 vaccine. People aged 12-17 should get permission from a parent or guardian to get the COVID-19 vaccine.**

It is very important we get our entire city vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Ideally, youth ages 5-17 will get their COVID-19 vaccine **with their parent or guardian's permission in one of three ways:**

- The parent or guardian goes with the young person to get vaccinated.
- The parent or guardian signs the site's vaccine permission form before the vaccination visit, and the young person brings it with them
- The provider calls the parent or guardian who agrees to the vaccine on the phone.

The city of San Francisco is allowing young people (ages 12-17) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when the parent or guardian cannot be reached.

More information on this Health Officer Order (No. C19-19) can be found here: [sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp](https://sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp)

If someone age 12 through 17 arrives to a vaccination site without their parents or a signed form, the provider should call the parent or guardian by phone. If the provider can't reach the parent or guardian, the provider is **allowed to give the vaccine.**

If the parent or guardian says no to the vaccine by phone, the provider **is not allowed to give** the vaccine.

