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

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.