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COVID-19 vaccine not to be included in required vaccines for school at this time

The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet fully approved COVID-19 vaccines for individuals of all ages within the 7–12 grade span. The State of California announced last October that full approval by the FDA was a precondition to initiating the rulemaking process to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in-person school attendance—such as measles, mumps, and rubella—pursuant to California’s Health and Safety Code. To ensure sufficient time for successful implementation of new vaccine requirements, California **will not initiate the regulatory process for a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for the 2022-2023 school year** and as such, any vaccine requirements would not take effect until after full FDA approval and no sooner than July 1, 2023.

Vaccines are still the most powerful weapon against hospitalization and serious illness due to COVID-19. California’s response to conditions in schools has adapted to the dynamic challenges of the pandemic, based on science. As outlined in Governor Newsom’s SMARTER Plan, the State has maintained vaccine supply, operational readiness, and access to education and resources about COVID-19 and vaccines with focused engagement to ensure younger Californians have opportunities to get vaccinated.

Upon full approval by the FDA, CDPH will consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians prior to implementing a school vaccine requirement. CDPH continues to emphasize and conduct outreach regarding the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine; support youth vaccination campaigns and school-located vaccination programs; and strongly encourage all eligible Californians, including eligible children, to get vaccinated.

If you are interested in receiving a vaccine or booster, they are available at locations specified below.

Plumas County Public Health Clinic

Thursdays 9-11 am

Myturn.ca.gov or call 530-283-6330

RiteAid Pharmacy: 530-283-1809

<http://www.riteaid.com/>

Quincy Pharmacy: 530-283-4545

<http://quincyparmacy.com/>

Portola Village Pharmacy: 530-832-4218

[https://www.portolavillagepharmacy.com/](http://www.portolavillagepharmacy.com/)

Lassen Drug: 530-258-2261

<http://www.lassendrug.com/home.html>

Eastern Plumas Health Care: 530-832-6561

Plumas District Hospital: 530-283-5640

Seneca Healthcare District: 530-253-2151, ext 1047