

Prince William Health District

Information Update

Community Outreach Director Sean Johnson Sean.johnson@vdh.virginia.gov

December 10, 2021

The Prince William Health District What You Should Know:

Northern Virginia Health Districts Stress Importance of Taking Steps to Stay Safe from COVID-19 during this Winter Surge

Since the start of this pandemic almost two years ago, there have been more than 2,600 COVID-19 deaths, 9,000 hospitalizations, and 230,000 cases in northern Virginia. Many of the hospitalizations and deaths occurred during last winter's surge.

Fortunately, this winter we have wide access to vaccinations, which have been shown to lead to a <u>dramatic reduction</u> in hospitalizations and death. Additionally, <u>indoor mask</u> <u>use</u> in work and school settings has been shown to significantly decrease the risk of transmission; this is seen most strikingly in the higher number and size of COVID-19 outbreaks in school settings where masks are less used, such as in athletics or in schools that have higher rates of mask exemptions.

With more people spending time indoors with others as cold weather sets in, public health leaders encourage everyone to maintain their layered prevention activities which may include:

- Get all members of your family age 5 years and older fully vaccinated, including booster shots if eligible.
- Wear a mask indoors when around those not in your household.
- Stay home when sick.
- Socially distance stay six feet from others as much as possible.
- Avoid crowded and indoor areas where distancing is not possible, or where you will be in close contact with those whose vaccination status is unknown.
- If you think you may have COVID-19 or may have been exposed, get tested and follow guidelines for isolation and quarantine.

Content Obtained from: VDH Press Release December 9, and December 10, 2021

- Wash your hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available. This will help prevent many diseases, including the seasonal flu.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, stay away from others and get tested 3-5 days after returning home from travel.

While we can't predict how COVID-19 may act in the future as new variants emerge, we do know that maximizing these mitigation steps is the best way to protect our community, keep children in schools, and safely make it through this winter surge.

VDH Ready to Implement Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Recommendation of Pfizer-BioNTech Booster for Persons 16-17 Years of Age

Following the <u>recommendation</u> from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that persons ages 16 through 17 years of age be eligible for a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination booster, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has given the go-ahead for administration of those booster doses in the Commonwealth.

The Food and Drug Administration gave full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on Aug. 23, 2021. Marketed under the name of Comirnaty, it is approved for persons 16 years of age and older. On Nov. 19, 2021, the CDC <u>recommended</u> that all persons 18 years of age and older who received either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna mRNA vaccine get a booster dose at least six months after they complete their two-dose primary series. The CDC also recommends anyone 18 years and older who received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine receive a booster dose two months after they complete their single-dose primary series.

Boosters are available at a number of venues throughout the Commonwealth, including pharmacies, physicians' offices, <u>Community Vaccination Centers (CVCs)</u>, mobile clinics, and other sites as set up by local health districts throughout the state.

Community Vaccination Center and Manassas Mall

Appointments for adolescents and adults are highly recommended. Appointments are required for 5-11 year olds.

Sign up for appointments at <u>vase.vdh.virginia.gov</u> for either the CVC or the Manassas Mall vaccine clinic

Community Vaccination Center (CVC)

- The Prince William CVC is located at the old Gander Mt. building, which is located at <u>14011 Worth Avenue</u>, <u>Woodbridge</u>, <u>VA 22192</u>.
- The CVC will offer vaccines for ages 5-11, Now accepting Walk-ins.
- The CVC normally is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 10 am to 7:30 pm.

Manassas Mall Clinic

- PWHD Manassas Mall COVID-19 vaccine clinic and The Red Sea clinic is located <u>8300 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 20109</u>
- At Manassas Mall, vaccines for 5-11 year olds will be offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, by appointment only.

Mall Clinic Hours:

- Monday: 12 pm to 4 pm (walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older, vaccines offered: Pfizer, and Moderna). By appointment only, Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations. The Flu vaccine will be offered while supplies last.
- Tuesday: 10 am to 6 pm (clinic closed 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm, walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). By appointment only Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations.
- Wednesday: 10 am to 6 pm (clinic closed 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm, walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). By appointment only Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations.
- Thursday: 10 am to 6 pm (clinic closed 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm, walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). By appointment only Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations

- Friday: 12 pm to 4 pm (walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older, vaccines offered: Pfizer, and Moderna). The Flu vaccine will be offered while supplies last. No 5-11 year old vaccinations on Fridays.
- Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm (clinic closed 12:30 pm-1:00 pm, walk-ins accepted for 12 years and older from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). By appointment only Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations.

Mobile Clinic Unit

- Tuesday December 14, from 11:30 am-5:30 pm
- Americana Grocery, 14428 Jefferson Davis Hwy., VA. 22191
- First, Second, Third, First, Second, Third doses, and for those eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson Booster dose.
- COVID-19 Vaccines Pfizer (for 12 and older) Moderna, Johnson and Johnson (18 and older). Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations offered while supplies last.
- The Flu vaccine will be offered while supplies last.
- No appointments are required. Walk-ins are accepted as long as supplies lasts. Weather permitting.
- Thursday December 16, from 11:30 am-5:30 pm
- Sudley Elementrary School, 9744 Copeland Dr., Manassas VA. 20109
- First, Second, Third doses, and for those eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson Booster dose.
- COVID-19 Vaccines Pfizer (for 12 and older) Moderna, Johnson and Johnson (18 and older). Pfizer 5-11 year old vaccinations offered while supplies last.
- The Flu vaccine will be offered while supplies last.
- No appointments are required. Walk-ins are accepted as long as supplies lasts. Weather permitting.

Testing

- If you think you may have COVID-19, you can visit the <u>VDH website to locate</u> <u>COVID-19 testing sites</u> or visit
- https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html
- You can reach out to your healthcare provider for COVID-19 testing. Pharmacies offer COVID-19 testing and sell over-the-counter home testing kits. <u>https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-testing/walgreens-partnership/</u>