



Keller Army Community Hospital

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccine Update

FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Adolescents (ages 12-15)

What does this mean for the Greater West Point Community?

On Monday, May 10, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vaccine Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, to review the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents.

West Point Public Health will not distribute the vaccine to adolescents until there is full review and approval from the CDC. If approval is received from the ACIP and the Defense Health Agency (DHA), we will make every effort to notify the Greater West Point community and our beneficiaries of when and where their adolescents can receive the vaccine.

We THANK YOU for your patience as we await this information and as we (possibly) manage the receipt of the vaccine for our younger population.

For more information on the FDA's authorization, go to <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use>