



Keller Army Community Hospital

Friday, May 14, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccine Update

This update includes information on the **SECOND DOSE** (Pfizer) for those that received the **FIRST DOSE** on May 4, 2021; Operation Immune Knight vaccinations of adolescents ages 12-15 years; and the New York State Excelsior Pass.

1. The COVAX registration website is open to schedule **FIRST DOSE** appointments on May 20, 2021, and for **SECOND DOSE** appointments on May 25, 2021 (for those who received the **FIRST DOSE** on May 4, 2021).

In the near future, the COVAX website will open up for the appointments at the COVID Vaccine Clinic – which is scheduled to be located at Keller Army Community Hospital – tentatively beginning in June 2021. Keller will make public notifications once the plans for the COVID Vaccine Clinic are finalized.

Please visit the COVAX website at <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/> to schedule your **FIRST DOSE** (May 20th) or **SECOND DOSE** (May 25th) appointment.

2. Although the FDA and CDC have approved the Pfizer vaccine for adolescents ages 12-15 years, the Dept. of Army is waiting on final DoD approval from the Defense Health Agency. We anticipate that DoD approval will be issued no later than Monday, May 17, 2021.

The Greater West Point community can schedule a May 20, 2021, **FIRST DOSE**, for their 12-15 year old dependents, by visiting the COVAX website at <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/>. We recommend making the appointment now and cancel later in the event that approval is not granted, but we expect/anticipate approval.

3. As a federal medical treatment facility, Keller Army Community Hospital is not currently participating in the New York State Excelsior 'passport' system due to protected health information requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Unfortunately, the Excelsior 'passport' system does not have a self-registration system at this time. We recommend that

you laminate your CDC Vaccination Record Card and use this as your proof of vaccination to attend events that require proof of vaccination in NYS.

Stay up-to-date with information on the COVID-19 vaccine availability and distribution by going to <https://keller.tricare.mil/Health-Services/West-Point-Dept-of-Public-Health/COVID-19-Vaccine-INFO>.