



Pfizer Vaccine Minor Consent Guidance

Per the [California Department of Public Health Pfizer Vaccine Minor Consent Guidance](#), persons younger than 18 years must have parental or guardian consent given by a legally authorized representative (parent or guardian) before receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. An emancipated minor may consent for him/herself. Currently, only the Pfizer vaccine has received Emergency Use Authorization for people under 18.

There are three different opportunities for a parent/guardian to give consent for a minor who will receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Option 1: Pre-registration Online

- Consent is built into Alameda County's online vaccine appointment registration system.
- The online registration system will ask for a parent/guardian to verify they have read the [Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet](#), had the opportunity to ask questions, and had their questions answered.
- The parent/guardian will sign their name in the online appointment registration. Parents/guardians will have the option of uploading a signed [Vaccination Consent Form for Minors](#) (available at covid-19.acgov.org/youthvaxfacts under "Resources").

Option 2: Onsite Registration with a Parent/Guardian Present

- Parent/guardian accompanies the minor to a vaccination site and registers their child onsite.
- Parent/guardian will read the [Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet](#) or a vaccination site staff member or volunteer will read the [Fact Sheet](#) to the parent/guardian.
- The person registering the minor will write the name of the parent/guardian in the registration system. This action will serve as consent for the minor who is receiving the vaccine.
- The partner organization or school should track what form of consent was given (i.e. parent/guardian was present and gave consent, parent/guardian gave written consent, phone or video consent).

Option 3: Onsite Registration without a Parent/Guardian Present

- If the parent/guardian cannot accompany the minor to the vaccination site, a signed, written consent is acceptable.
- Written consent must include: the name of the child, the name of parent/guardian, a statement that indicates the parent/guardian approves of their child getting a vaccine, and a statement that the parent or guardian has read the [Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet](#). For an example, please download ACPHD's [Vaccination Consent Form for Minors](#) (available at covid-19.acgov.org/youthvaxfacts under "Resources"). The parent/guardian must sign the written consent.



- If the minor does not have written consent, phone or video consent is possible if the parent/guardian confirms they have been provided the [Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet](#) or the [Fact Sheet](#) is read to the parent/guardian.
- The person registering the minor will write the name of the parent/guardian in the registration system. This action will serve as consent for the minor who is receiving the vaccine.
- The partner organization or school should track what form of consent was given (i.e. parent/guardian was present and gave consent, parent/guardian gave written consent, phone or video consent).
- The minor should be accompanied by an adult to and from the vaccination site. A minor will not be turned away if an adult is not present.
- When a minor is not accompanied by an adult, there should be staff available to accompany the minor in case of a medical emergency.

Additional Guidance

<p>Minors of 15 years of age or older may consent to general medical care</p>	<p>A minor may consent to their own medical care if all of the following conditions are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The minor is 15 years of age or older. (2) The minor is living separate and apart from the minor's parents or guardian, whether with or without the consent of a parent or guardian and regardless of the duration of the separate residence. (3) The minor is managing the minor's own financial affairs, regardless of the source of the minor's income. <p>(Fam. Code § 6922(a).)</p> <p>An emancipated minor may consent to medical care. (Fam. Code § 7050(e). See Fam. Code § 7002 for emancipation criteria.)</p>
<p>Relative Caregiver Consent</p> <p>A Relative Caregiver must be 18 years or older and live with the minor. Examples: grandparent, aunt, uncle, or cousin.</p>	<p>A Relative Caregiver must complete a Caregiver Affidavit Form before consenting to the minor's COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the relative caregiver accompanies the minor to get a vaccine, they may complete the Caregiver Affidavit Form onsite and follow the same instructions in Option 2 above, but the consenting adult will be a relative caregiver, not a parent/guardian. • If the relative caregiver does not accompany the minor to get a vaccine, the minor must bring the Caregiver Affidavit Form and



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	follow the instructions in Option 3 above, but the consenting adult will be a relative caregiver, not a parent/guardian.
Minors Do Not Need to Provide Identification	<p>A minor does not need to have identification to receive a vaccine. Parent or guardian consent is sufficient.</p> <p>Minors who do not have a parent or guardian present may be asked to confirm their name and birthdate on a piece of paper or form, when registering, and take it to the vaccination station.</p>

Please see the [California Department of Public Health Minor Consent Guidance](#) for more information.