Covid-19 Vaccination for Children Under 12: How schools can prepare to be vaccination sites

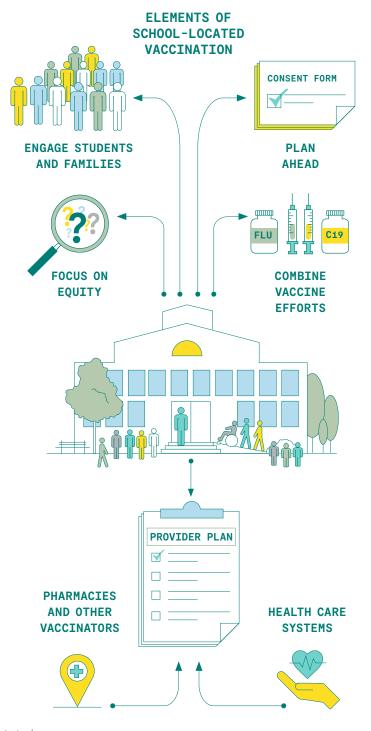


Why are schools important sites for providing Covid-19 vaccine to children under 12?

 Schools have played an important role in providing influenza and other routine immunizations as well as vaccinating eligible adolescents ages 12-17 against Covid-19. Schools have the opportunity to provide safe and convenient access to vaccines that can help keep students healthy and schools safe for in-person learning

What can schools do now?

- Conduct community outreach to provide students and families with information about the Covid-19 vaccine
- Open the door for questions and consistently provide opportunities for conversation with families and students to help build vaccine confidence
- Obtain consent for vaccination in advance for students between the ages of 5 and 11
- Consider options for combining Covid-19 vaccinations with existing school-located efforts like routine and seasonal vaccination
- Use an equity-based lens to understand barriers to vaccine access and drive resource planning.
- Begin planning and establishing agreements with providers (health care systems, pharmacies, and other vaccinators) that can provide Covid-19 vaccines



All information was drawn from our <u>symposium</u> featuring school-located vaccination strategies.



