



State of Rhode Island

***Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families***

The Department of Children Youth and Families is encouraging individuals to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible. With vaccination now being available for to anyone 5 and older, it is important for individuals and families to have the most up-to-date information so they can make the best decisions for themselves and others. Like many of you, DCYF is not an expert on infectious diseases and is relying on others for specific guidance. In that regard, the Center for Disease Control highlights [several key items](#):

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.
- CDC recommends you get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.
- Many people have reported only mild side effects after COVID-19 vaccination.

More information on the [safety](#) of the Pfizer vaccine, which is approved for individuals under the age of 18, as well as some of the [benefits](#) of getting vaccinated are available online through the CDC. The consent form to receive the vaccination is attached.

As noted, the Department encourages anyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine. If you have any additional questions about the vaccine, please consult your health care provider.

Thank you