



Dear Provider,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [voted](#) on May 12, 2021, to approve the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 12- to 15- year-olds. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) estimates there are approximately 300,000 Coloradans who fall into this age range. Middle school and high school-aged students currently have the highest COVID-19 infection rates in the state.

Providers who can administer vaccines are encouraged to [enroll with CDPHE](#). Enrolled providers must also **enroll with CDPHE to administer the COVID-19 vaccines**, as this ensures access to the vaccine.

Providers are also reminded that the [reimbursement rate has been increased](#) for administering COVID-19 vaccines during the Public Health Emergency. The administration of COVID-19 vaccines is reimbursable at \$41.18 for each dose, as long as providers are enrolled and qualified and the vaccine is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under their Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) authority.

We appreciate your service to our members and encourage you to [enroll with CDPHE](#) to vaccinate Health First Colorado's 12- to 15- year-old members.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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