



Minor Consent Statement

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Under Oregon law, minors, 15 and older, may give consent to medical treatment, including vaccinations, provided by a physician, physician assistant, naturopath, nurse practitioner, dentist or optometrist, or others operating under the license of these providers, without the consent of a parent or guardian. (ORS 109.640) At this time, the only COVID-19 vaccine that has received emergency use authorization for individuals under age 18 is the **Pfizer vaccine**. The Pfizer vaccine is authorized for use in individuals 16 and above.

The Oregon Health Authority supports the rights of minors 16 and older to consent to COVID-19 vaccination without parental consent, particularly in cases where the minor may have difficulty obtaining consent from a parent or guardian.

It is OHA's understanding that most locations where COVID-19 vaccinations are provided have oversight by a medical provider who would meet the definition of the provider types listed above, and therefore consent of a parent or guardian should not be required for a 16 or 17 year-old who wishes to get the Pfizer vaccine.

Providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should make it clear at the time a vaccine appointment is made for a 16 or 17-year-old whether consent from a parent or guardian will be required.

See our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information about 16 and 17-year-old vaccine access.

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