

Southcoast's Pfizer clinics now open to those 12 and older; walk-ups welcome

FALL RIVER, NEW BEDFORD, and WAREHAM, Mass. – Southcoast Health announced on Thursday that its upcoming Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination clinics, offered across the region, will now be open to individuals 12 and older, while walk-up availability will continue at all of the not-for-profit community health system's sites.

Southcoast's decision follows the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds earlier this week, as well as the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation on Wednesday.

Minors will need to have a parent or legal guardian sign a Massachusetts consent form at the clinic or bring a signed copy downloaded from <https://www.mass.gov/lists/ma-consent-forms-for-people-under-18-years-of-age>, Southcoast officials said. The form must include a parent or legal guardian's phone number in the event a staff member needs to contact them.

You do not need to have a Southcoast primary care provider to receive vaccination at a Southcoast clinic.

No appointment will be necessary at the following Southcoast clinics, with walk-ups welcome:

May 13, 12-5:30pm, Pfizer, Vanity Fair (375 Faunce Corner, Dartmouth)

May 14, 12-5:30pm, Pfizer, Vanity Fair (375 Faunce Corner, Dartmouth)

May 15, 7am-3pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 15, 8am-12pm, Pfizer, Vanity Fair (375 Faunce Corner, Dartmouth)

May 17, 12-3:30pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 17, 3-7pm, Pfizer, Multiservice Center (48 Marion Rd., Wareham)

May 18, 3-7pm, Moderna, Multiservice Center (48 Marion Rd., Wareham)

May 18, 9am-3pm, Johnson & Johnson, Mobile Wellness Van at Onset Pier (182 Onset Ave., Wareham)

May 19, 2-6pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 19, 9am-4pm, Johnson & Johnson, Mobile Wellness Van at Pier 3 (51 MacArthur Dr., New Bedford)

May 20, 12-5:30pm, Pfizer, Vanity Fair (375 Faunce Corner, Dartmouth)

May 20, 2-7pm, Johnson & Johnson, Mobile Wellness Van at Acushnet Council on Aging (59 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St., Acushnet)

May 21, 7-11am, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 22, 12pm-4pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 22, 8am-12pm, Pfizer, Multiservice Center (48 Marion Rd., Wareham)

May 22, 9am-1pm, Johnson & Johnson, Mobile Wellness Van at Boys & Girls Club of Fall River (803 Bedford St., Fall River)

May 24, 1-3pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 25, 3-7pm, Pfizer, Liberal Club (20 Star St., Fall River)

May 25, 12-5:30pm, Pfizer, Vanity Fair (375 Faunce Corner, Dartmouth)

May 25, 3-7pm, Moderna, Multiservice Center (48 Marion Rd., Wareham)

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination/>

“Getting your shot is more convenient and more important than ever,” said Tonya Johnson, RN, Vice President of Operations for Southcoast Hospitals Group. “All available vaccines are

safe and effective. They're our best chance at conquering COVID-19 once and for all. When we protect ourselves, we're protecting our family, friends, and co-workers. Together, we're protecting the South Coast community. We are grateful for all who have stepped up to help in this effort."

About Southcoast Health

Southcoast Health a not-for-profit, charitable organization and the largest provider of primary and specialty care in the region, serving communities in Rhode Island and across Southeastern Massachusetts. Southcoast Health is a Newsweek's World's Best Hospital in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Out of the 2,743 considered hospitals in the United States, only 250 earned this recognition. In 2020 and 2021, St. Luke's is a Newsweek and Leapfrog's Best Maternity Hospitals. In 2019 and 2020, the Southcoast Health system also received seven awards, including Best Hospitals and Best Place to Work, in Southcoast Media Group's Best of the Best Awards voted on by residents and readers.

As a network of more than 700 physicians, hospitalists, and mid-level practitioners, Southcoast Health is a system of three acute care hospitals – Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, and Tobey Hospital in Wareham, and also provides behavioral health services in partnership with Acadia at Southcoast Behavioral Health in Dartmouth. Southcoast Health's System comprises seven Urgent Care Centers, two Centers for Cancer Care, visiting nurse association, and numerous additional ambulatory facilities that offer convenience and access to services for more than 724,000 residents in 33 communities covering over 900 square miles in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.