

# Planning for COVID-19 Vaccines for 5–11-Year-Old Children

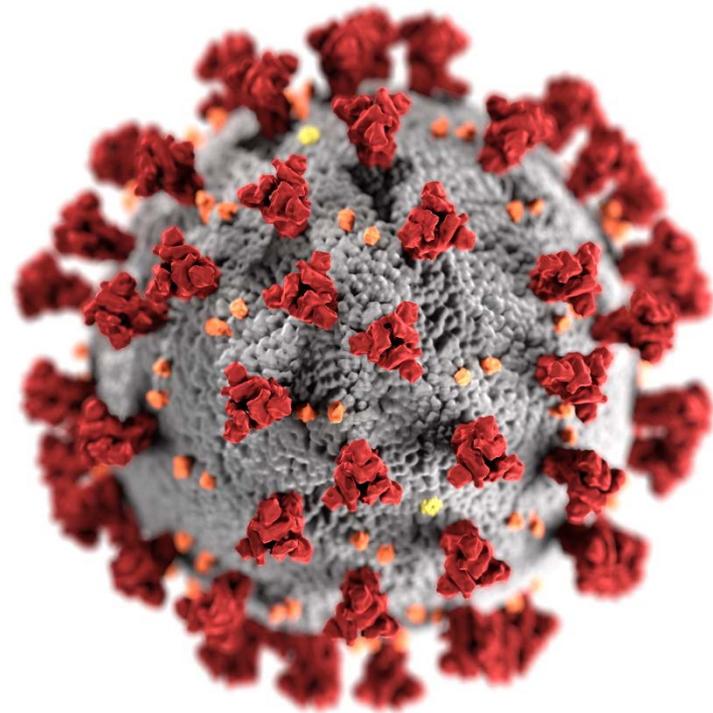
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# Pediatric Vaccination Implementation Goals

- Enable access to and availability of vaccine providers where populations are most likely to seek vaccination (**reach the most**)
- Establish programming to ensure access to vaccine for vulnerable and underserved pediatric populations (**hard to reach**)
- **Minimize delays** between FDA<sup>1</sup> authorization of pediatric vaccines and initial rollout of pediatric administration
- Disseminate **timely clinical guidance** to jurisdictions and providers



<sup>1</sup>US Food and Drug Administration

# Approach for Reaching Children

## Augment existing public health infrastructure

Category	Approach
	<p>Providers serving children aged 5-11 years and primary care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilize primary care clinics, health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, etc. as trusted providers to vaccinate their patients</li></ul>
	<p>Pharmacies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leverage broad pharmacy footprint to vaccinate children aged 5–11 years</li></ul>
	<p>School-located vaccination clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide guidance on school districts partnering with health departments, pharmacies, and other pediatric providers to hold school-located vaccine clinics to expand access and promote equity</li></ul>

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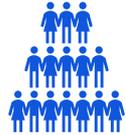
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Children's hospitals

- >100 children's hospitals across the United States will set up vaccination sites
- Critical part of efforts to provide access for children aged 5-11 years with underlying medical conditions

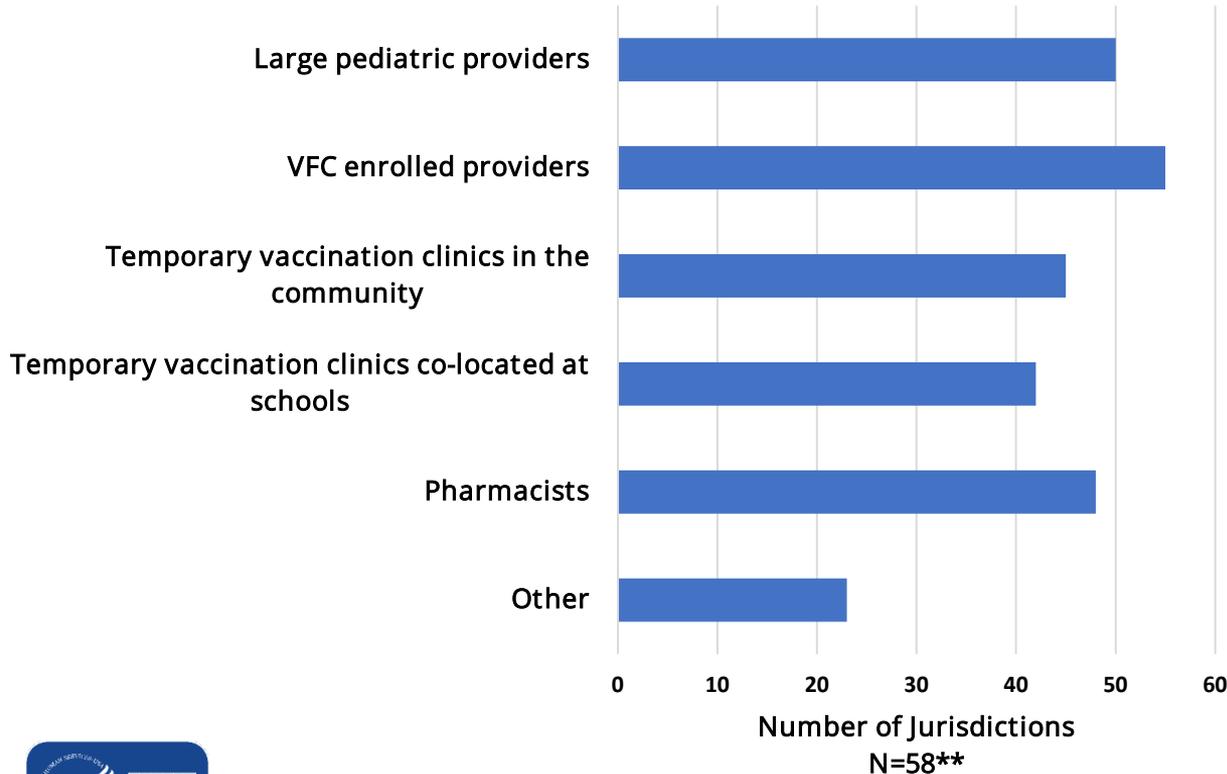


Temporary community clinics

- Leverage experience with adult and adolescent community vaccination clinics to complement other vaccine locations



# Jurisdictions' Plans to Use Different COVID-19 Vaccination Providers



95%

of jurisdictions reported **VFC\* enrolled providers** would be providing COVID-19 vaccination to children under age 12 years



86%

of jurisdictions reported **large pediatric providers** would be providing COVID-19 vaccination to children under age 12 years



83%

of jurisdictions reported **pharmacists** would be providing COVID-19 vaccination to children aged <12 years



72%

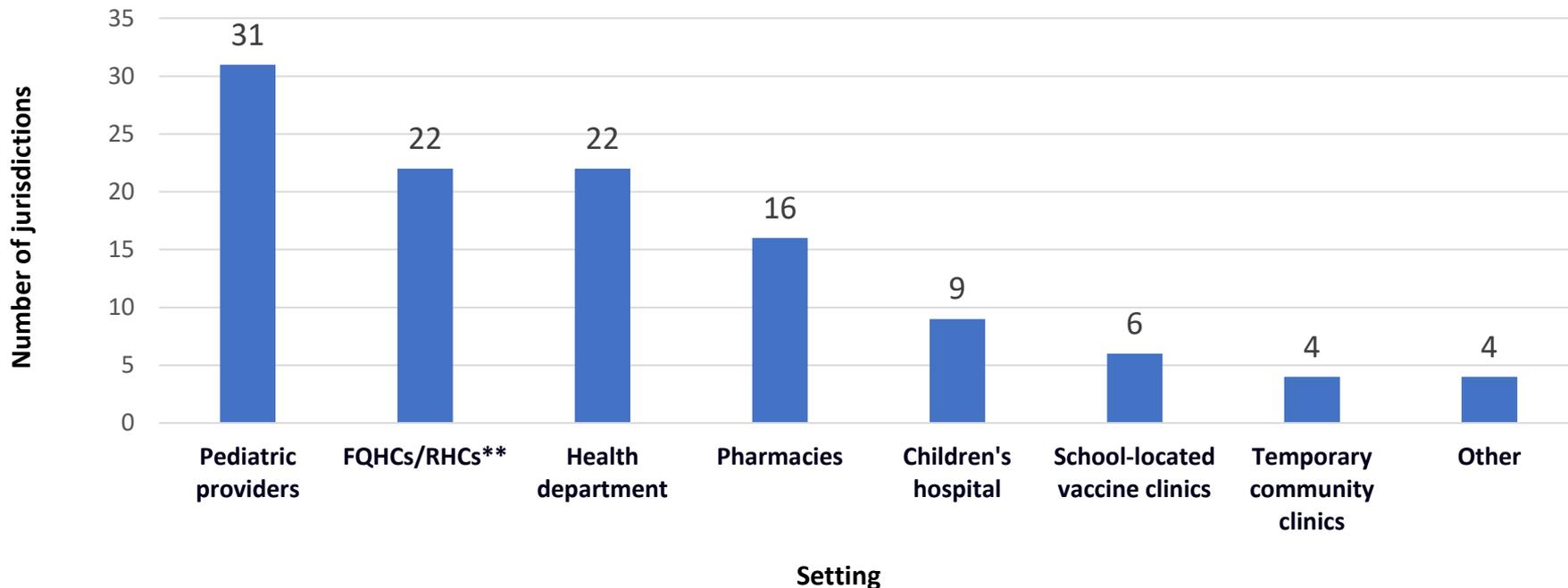
of jurisdictions reported **school co-located vaccination clinics** would be providing COVID-19 vaccination to children under age 12 years



\* Vaccines for Children Program

\*\* Survey sent to 64 state and local health departments in late September. Responses are not mutually exclusive.

# Where Jurisdictions Anticipate Most Children Will Be Vaccinated\*

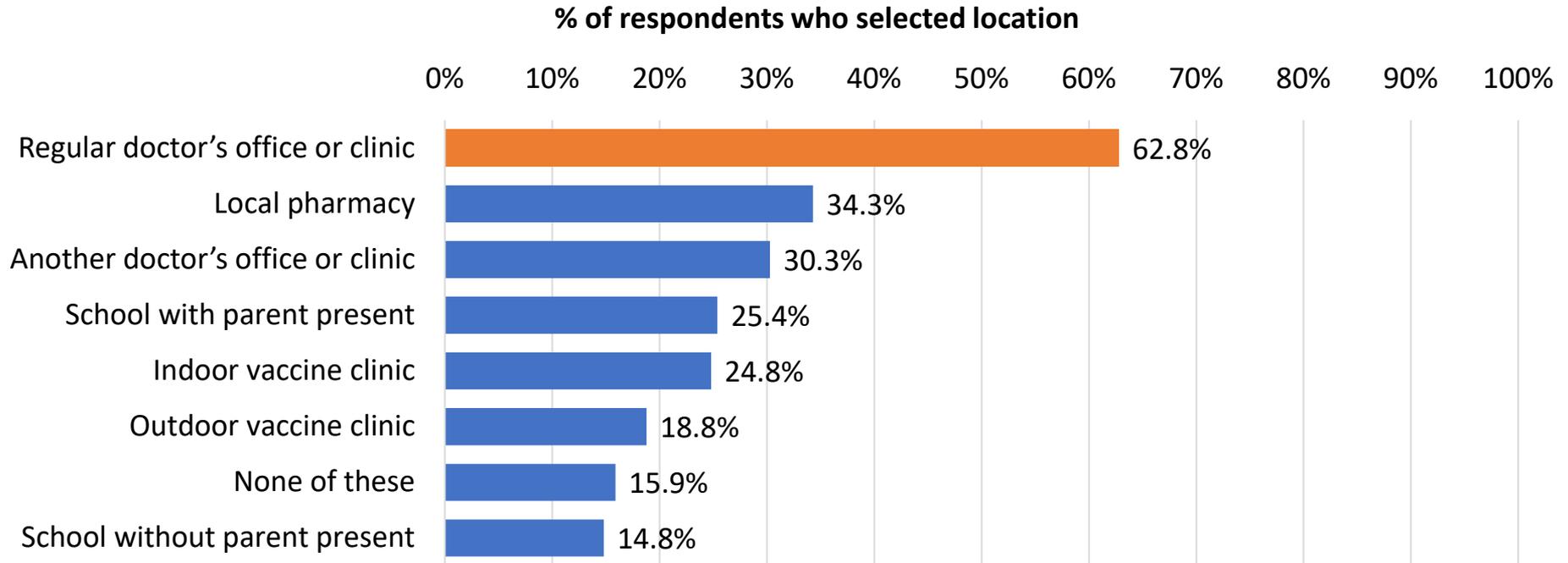


\* Number of jurisdictions that ranked a setting or provider first or second from a list of 8 settings or providers

\*\* FQHC = Federally Qualified Health Center; RHC = Rural health clinic



# Parents' Preferred Location to Vaccinate Their 5–11-Year-Old Children\*



\*Unpublished CDC/RAND/University of Iowa data. 1,028 parents surveyed in late September/early October

# CDC Support of Jurisdictional Readiness

- 2 jurisdictional readiness surveys
- Dissemination of planning resources:
  - Operational Planning Guide — <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/Pediatric-Planning-Guide.pdf>
  - Preliminary information on Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines — <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/Pfizer-Pediatric-Reference-Planning.pdf>

## COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5–11 Years Old

Information for Jurisdictions, Healthcare Providers, Pharmacists and Community Partners

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet authorized a COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5 to 11, and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has not yet made a recommendation on vaccinating this age group. CDC will update this web page when new information is available.

### On This Page

COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Pediatric Populations

Clinical Resources for Vaccine Providers

Planning and Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination in Your Community

Clinical Training and Education

Supporting Data and Scientific Research

Information for Children with Developmental Disabilities



The federal government is committed to ensuring children age 5 through 11 have access to COVID-19 vaccines if authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Any COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5 through 11 is subject to the very same [multi-step testing and approval process](#) as all other COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines — including those routinely recommended for childhood vaccination.

This page shares up-to-date information and resources to aid in the planning for COVID-19 vaccination among children ages 5 to 11.

Information for  
Jurisdictions



Information for  
Healthcare Providers



Information for  
Pharmacists



Information for  
Parents and Caregivers



<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children.html>



# CDC Support of Jurisdictional Readiness

- Guidance on, and support of, school districts partnering with pharmacies to conduct school-located vaccination clinics
- Listening sessions with public health, clinical, and other partners

## How Schools Can Support COVID-19 Vaccination



Schools and school districts are consistently a large part of the daily life for many American children and families and uniquely positioned to teach about, link to, or even deliver COVID-19 vaccines.

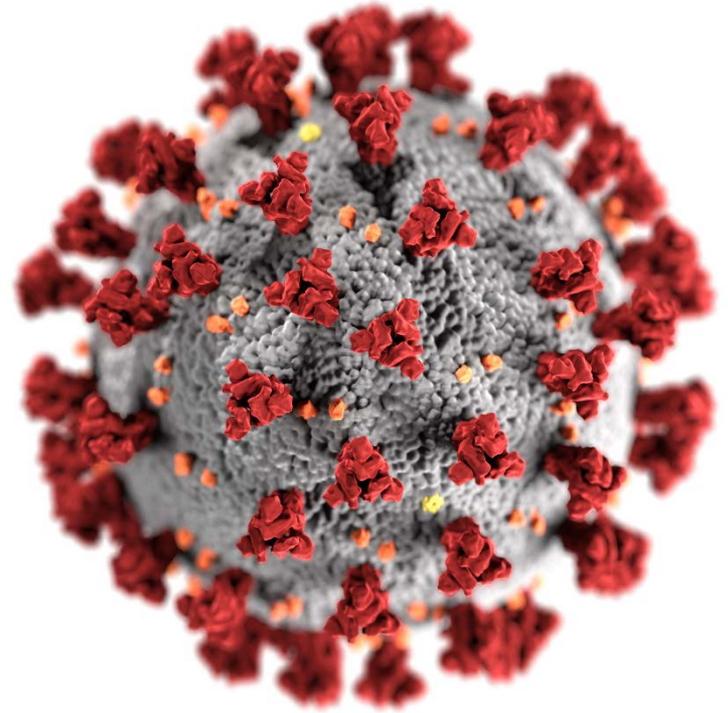
On this page, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides action steps school leaders can take to support COVID-19 vaccine uptake and improve health literacy among staff, students, and families in their community. Which actions school districts decide to take will depend on state and local policies, health service infrastructure, and available resources.

Together, we can help our country reach COVID-19 vaccination goals.

6 Ways Schools Can Promote COVID-19 Vaccines

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/school-located-clinics/how-schools-can-support.html>





For more information, contact CDC  
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