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## **New Mexico announces back-to-school pharmacy partnership**

*Local pharmacies extend walk-in hours for COVID-19 vaccine*

SANTA FE- The New Mexico Department of Health and Public Education Department today announced a partnership with local pharmacies to provide back-to-school COVID-19 vaccinations for students 12 years and older.

Participating pharmacies have committed to giving free COVID vaccines without appointments from July 15 to Aug. 15.

"New Mexico schools are eager to welcome students back for a safe, healthy new school year. To that end, it's critical that children get all their required and recommended immunizations well ahead of time, and that includes the COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12 and up," Public Education Secretary Ryan Stewart said. "We are so grateful to New Mexico pharmacies for making this as easy as possible for parents and families with convenient walk-in hours for COVID shots."

"New Mexico has led the nation in adult vaccinations, and now we encourage parents to get their children vaccinated as quickly as possible," said DOH Cabinet Secretary Dr. Tracie Collins. "Every New Mexican who gets vaccinated is taking a step to protect themselves and their loved ones -- and helping prevent the virus from doing further damage."

Depending on the pharmacy, the walk-in hours will be either 2-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or 2-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon.

[Here is a list of participating pharmacies around the state that will be providing the Pfizer vaccine.](#) The list includes walk-in hours for each venue.

*Please note:* CVS and Walgreens will service walk-in patients anytime their pharmacies are open. We would also like to encourage parents to have their child's

confirmation code from the DOH portal - vaccineNM.org - ready when they arrive at a pharmacy.

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The New Mexico Public Education Department partners with educators, communities and families to ensure that all students are healthy, secure in their identity and holistically prepared for college, career and life. Currently, the NMPED serves more than 317,000 students in 187 districts and charter schools. Find an abundance of resources for administrators, educators, families and students at [New Mexico Public Education Department \(state.nm.us\)](http://NewMexicoPublicEducationDepartment.state.nm.us) or follow the PED at [NMPublicEducationDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/NMPublicEducationDepartment) on Facebook and [@NMPED](https://twitter.com/NMPED) on Twitter.