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Vaccination age drops to 12; clinic opens at Acalanes High School

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People as young as 12 years old are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, and will be able to do so at many sites in Contra Costa County, including public schools. Acalanes High School in Lafayette will offer vaccine clinics from June 1-5, and June 22-26. The clinics will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is required, but appointments may be made, if desired, online or by telephone. The vaccine is free.

According to the Contra Costa County Health Department, while not every school will host a clinic, all campuses that host clinics will welcome anyone eligible for the vaccine - including students from other schools, family and community members. People need not live or work in the county to receive vaccinations here.

People under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or have either a written consent from a parent or guardian or have a parent or guardian who can be contacted by phone during the vaccination.

Contra Costa County beat its goal to vaccinate a million people by the end of May. By mid-May 1,261,758 doses had been administered in the county, and over 71% of the county population over the age of 12 was partially vaccinated, with over 60% being fully vaccinated.

For more information about how to get the COVID-19 vaccine, see <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated>

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