



Office of Children and Family Services

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Memo

To: Facility Managers, Facility Directors and Assistant Directors, All Facility Staff

From: Felicia A. B. Reid, Esq., Acting Deputy Commissioner
Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth

Date: February 27, 2021

Re: OCFS/OMH Partnership for Direct Access to OMH Vaccine Sites for Facility Staff and Eligible Youth

OCFS is glad to announce that eligible facility staff and youth may now be vaccinated at one of several NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) vaccination sites, by using OMH's online scheduling system, O-Agency Link-Outreach-Vaccinate (O-LOV).

Who is Eligible?

- OCFS facility staff
- Adult youth (age 18 year or older) who give informed consent

OMH has the Moderna vaccine only, which is approved for individuals **18 years of age or older**. This means that youth under the age of 18 **cannot** be vaccinated at OMH vaccination sites. For information on the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, go to: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/o-lov-covid19-vaccine/moderna-cv-19-fact-sheet.pdf>.

Be advised OCFS is currently working with OMH to coordinate the possibility of OMH bringing mobile vaccinations PODs to facilities to vaccinate OCFS staff and eligible youth onsite. If and when that is finalized, DJJOY will provide information as soon as it becomes available.

Scheduling an Appointment

Eligible individuals can schedule an appointment here: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/o-lov-covid19-vaccine/index.html>. **This link is only for the eligible OCFS populations and cannot be shared or used outside of OCFS.** Click 'Schedule an Individual Appointment' to get started.

Adult youth in DJJOY programs may consent for their own vaccination at an OMH site. Facilities must give adult youth all of the documents in the 'Attachments' section below and review the information with them. If the youth gives informed consent to be vaccinated, the facility will help them schedule a vaccination appointment through the O-LOV link and help them complete the required forms. The facility will transport the youth to and from the vaccination site.

If facilities would like to transport more than one youth to an appointment at a time, facilities can work to schedule more than one youth's individual appointment near to another youth's individual appointment. Facilities will still use the 'Schedule an Individual Appointment' button on the O-LOV site to schedule youth. **Do not use** the 'Provider Agency Group Scheduling' button.

OMH Vaccination Locations

Note: Staff can make an appointment at any OMH site that is convenient to them.

Vaccination Site	County	Closest OCFS Facility
Bronx Psychiatric Center 1500 Waters Place Bronx, NY	Bronx	Goshen (1 hour, 15 minutes)
Buffalo Psychiatric Center 400 Forest Avenue Buffalo, NY	Erie	Industry (1 hour, 15 minutes)
Capital District Psychiatric Center 75 New Scotland Avenue Albany, NY	Albany	Brookwood and Columbia (45 minutes)
Creedmoor Psychiatric Center 79-25 Winchester Boulevard Queens Village, NY	Nassau	Brentwood (35 minutes)
Kingsboro Psychiatric Center 681 Clarkson Avenue Brooklyn, NY	Kings	N/A
Pilgrim Psychiatric Center 998 Crooked Hill Road West Brentwood, NY	Suffolk	Brentwood (5 minutes)
Rochester Psychiatric Center 1111 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, NY	Monroe	Industry (20 minutes)
South Beach Psychiatric Center 777 Seaview Avenue Staten Island, NY	Richmond	N/A

Consent and Vaccination Forms

All individuals scheduled to receive the vaccine at an OMH vaccination site must complete an OMH-issued vaccination consent form. Once an individual has an appointment, they will receive additional instructions. The consent form is here: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/o-lov-covid19-vaccine/cv-19-immunization-general-consent-form.pdf>

Anyone who is vaccinated must complete the *NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Form* **before** receiving the vaccine. Recipients should complete this form before arriving to an OMH site for their appointment. The form is here: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine>.

When going to a vaccination appointment, staff should bring a photo ID (e.g. NYS ID, driver's license, or passport) **and** their OCFS employee identification badge. DJJOY will provide appropriate identification for a youth vaccination appointment.

Additional Information

Be advised that the OCFS/OMH partnership is only one avenue for eligible individuals to be vaccinated. Eligible staff and youth ages 16 or older with the required consents can be vaccinated through county or state-run vaccination sites. To schedule an appointment at a county or state-run site, staff can go to: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>.

DJJOY will contact the parents/guardians of 16 or 17 year-old youth to inform them of the opportunity to have their youth vaccinated, give them information about the vaccines, and to request their consent. The Bureau of Health Services will work with case managers to coordinate appointment scheduling for these youth.

For more information about vaccine eligibility, see *Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccine Access for Persons Age 16 and Over Residing in Programs or Facilities Licensed or Certified by OCFS* (<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/news/2021/COVID-19-2021Feb22-Guidance-Vaccine-Access.pdf>). Information about NYS' vaccination program is here: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

Attachments

- COVID Vaccine Information One Sheet
- Moderna Vaccine Information Sheet
- Letter to Youth_Vaccine_Youth 18 or Older (Facilities should fill out the letter for the individual adult youth before giving it to them.)

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