



Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

David Verinder, President & CEO, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System



Since the COVID-19 vaccines became available earlier this year, we have implored everyone in our community to get the shot. The evidence shows the vaccine is very safe and effective, and that held true during the summer. As we've seen firsthand at Sarasota Memorial, the virus has primarily — and severely — impacted those who haven't been vaccinated. While the recent surge has waned, the threat of future surges remains. We support efforts to prevent hospitalizations and deaths and ease the enormous strain on our health system and staff. Current efforts include the availability of the vaccine for children over age five and booster shots, which are recommended for all adults. For more information, we encourage you to go to the [SMH COVID-19 blog](#) to learn directly from our medical experts.

As always, we greatly appreciate our community's ongoing support—especially over these last, very challenging 21 months.

Get Fully Vaccinated to Protect Yourself and Others

People who receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will need two shots to get the most protection. Generally, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated. Even if you are fully vaccinated, continue to protect yourself and others by washing your hands regularly, avoiding large crowds, and following CDC requirements and recommendations. Learn more [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

Children ages 5–11 years can get Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can help protect children ages five years and older from getting COVID-19. Vaccinating children ages five years and older can help keep them in school and help them safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities. Help protect your whole family and slow the spread of COVID-19 in your community by getting yourself and your children, ages five years and older, vaccinated against COVID-19. Learn more [here](#).

Booster Shots, Third Doses and Additional Doses for COVID-19 Vaccines: What You Need to Know

COVID-19 vaccine boosters and additional vaccine doses are now authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for certain people.

Lisa Maragakis, M.D., M.P.H., senior director of infection prevention, and Gabor Kelen, M.D., director of the Johns Hopkins Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response, explain what you need to know about these COVID shots. Read more [here](#).

- Additional Resources:**
- [Why Get Vaccinated? \(Mayo Clinic\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy: 12 Things You Need to Know](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots \(CDC\)](#)

Seasonal Guests

Both full-time and seasonal residents can get their [COVID-19 vaccines](#) in Florida. Someone should only get their shot in Florida if they will be in Florida for the time period needed to receive both shots. Additionally, anyone in the state for the purpose of providing goods or services is also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida. Learn more [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

CDC recommends everyone ages five and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. Learn more [here](#).

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Authorized or approved for	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5–11 years old	Yes	No	No
12–17 years old	Yes	No	No
18 years and older	Yes	Yes	Yes

Graphic: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

You can download this image [here](#).

Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of November 29, 2021

Given the Holiday, it seems there is a backlog in the COVID-19 State Reporting. To keep our sourcing correct, no data is published in this week's copy. Watch for next week's updated information.

CONTACT US

Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Cheri Coryea at:

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