Free COVID vaccines for students at Gainesville and Buchholz High Schools:

This week the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve the use of the Pfizer COVID vaccine for children ages 12 to 15. The vaccine is already approved for those 16 and older.

The Alachua County Health Department will be at Gainesville High School and Buchholz High School this Thursday, May 13 at 9 a.m. **If the vaccine is approved for students ages 12 to 15** before Thursday and **if** you submit a [consent form](), your child can receive the first dose of vaccine on Thursday the 13th and the follow-up dose at school on June 3 at 9 a.m. However, **if the vaccine is not approved for students ages 12 to 15** by the time of the clinic, those students WILL NOT receive the vaccine on that date, even if they submit a consent form.

If your child is 16 or older and you would like them to receive the **first** dose on Thursday, May 13, please fill out and submit the consent form. They will be able to get the follow-up dose at school on June 3.

If your child already received the first dose of the vaccine at school last month, you MUST submit another consent form for the second dose, which will also be given on Thursday, May 13.

Consent forms may be submitted the day of the clinic, although we do ask that you submit them ahead of time if possible to help the school and the Health Department with planning. Parents will not be present for the clinics. Digital Academy students can get the vaccine at school and should plan on arriving at 9 a.m.

Families may also review the [Vaccine Information Sheet]() and a [Privacy Notice]().

If you have any questions, please contact [cowlespa@gm.sbac.edu]() or call (352) 955-6954.