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UAMS to Offer COVID-19 Vaccinations to Children Ages 12-15

LITTLE ROCK — Starting Thursday, children ages 12 and up can receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for anyone 12 and older. The approval follows the Food and Drug Administration's decision Monday to grant emergency use authorization allowing Pfizer's vaccine to be administered to children ages 12 to 15. Previously, the Pfizer vaccine was approved for use in those 16 and older.

In partnership with the City of Little Rock, UAMS operates a vaccination clinic at the Centre at University Park at 6401 West 12th St., in Little Rock. The COVID Vaccine Clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

The UAMS Northwest Regional Campus also offers a drive-thru clinic in Fayetteville.

You do not have to be a UAMS patient to receive a vaccine at these clinics.

There is no out-of-pocket cost for vaccinations. Please bring a valid ID and insurance cards if you have them. A parent or guardian should come to the vaccine appointment with patients under age 18.

Walk-ins are welcome at the vaccine clinic in Little Rock. Appointments can be made by calling (501) 686-8960 or visiting vaccinesignup.uams.edu/. If phone lines are busy, callers will be asked to leave a message; calls and online requests will be returned in the order in which they are received.

Appointments are necessary at the clinic in Fayetteville. To make an appointment, please call (479) 332-0222 or visit vaccinesignup.uams.edu/nwaclinic.

To ensure patients get both required doses of the vaccine, which is necessary for maximum protection, a second appointment will be scheduled for each patient when they receive their first dose.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P.

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