



Did you attend the pop-up vaccine event on January 6th at Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough? If so, please read this:

*What happened?* A Nurse Practitioner believed he was giving the accurate dosing to the patients and later realized he had given the pediatric dosing rather than the adult dosing.

*How many people were vaccinated at the Cedar Ridge clinic on Jan. 6th ?* 126 people were vaccinated.

*How many teens received the wrong dosage?* Less than 35 teens.

*How many clinics has StarMed done for Orange County?* About 15 pop ups events in Orange County and they are the vaccine vendor for Bonnie B. Davis vaccine clinic as of Friday, January 7th.

*Are there other events planned with this company? Does this raise any concerns for the Health Department, and if so, how will those concerns be alleviated?* While we are very upset that some people were given the incorrect dose on Jan. 6th, that was the first time we are aware of this happening. We hope it was an isolated incident that happened to take place on a day in which new orders for boosters were given by the state. For our part, we have involved the state liaison in order to get clarification and support. We will hold StarMed accountable for their actions. We do not have any future pop-up events planned with StarMed at this time.

*What will happen now to those who received the wrong dosage?* They will look at each case individually to determine the best action. They will follow the state orders. The section of the state orders that talks about these types of errors says:

— 9. b. Using the formulation for ages 5-11 (10 µg, ORANGE CAP) may result in vaccine administration errors and should not be used in this age group. i. If a person aged 12–17 years

inadvertently receives a 10µg dose of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine (ORANGE cap formulation), the dose does not need to be repeated.

— ii. If an individual aged 18 years or older inadvertently receives a 10 µg dose (ORANGE cap formulation), the dose should be repeated with the age-appropriate 30 µg dose (PURPLE cap formulation) immediately. Due to the rare risk of myocarditis, males aged <30 years may consider waiting 21 days after the erroneous dose to repeat the dose.

In non-medical speak, those who received a pediatric dose and are aged 12 to 17 will not need to repeat their vaccination. They are protected with the vaccine that was administered. If anyone 18 or older received a pediatric dose the correct dose should be repeated immediately. If someone wants to check antibody levels, StarMed will arrange this testing when they contact them to let them know that they were a part of the group that received the wrong dose.

*How long will it take for them to get in touch with parents?* By the end of the day on Wednesday, January 12th.

*What should people do if they don't hear anything?* If you do not hear anything from StarMed by 5 pm on January 12th, that means that you or your child received the accurate dosing of vaccine.

*What is being done to make sure this doesn't happen again?* The Nurse Practitioner has been put on suspension until further training is provided. Additional training will also be provided to the staff.