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Health Dept working with partners to get COVID-19 vaccine to kids

Eau Claire, WI. November 11, 2021- With the recent approval of Pfizer for 5–11-year-olds, the Health Department is collaborating with schools, healthcare and pharmacy partners, and others to ensure that parents have reliable information about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids, as well as easy access to vaccine clinics.

“Vaccination can help keep children safe and learning in-school, which is why we’re partnering with school districts and vaccine providers in our community to make vaccinations available and accessible,” says Lieske Giese, Health Department Director/Health Officer. Once fully vaccinated for COVID-19, children will not have to be quarantined from school after an exposure to a case of COVID unless they have symptoms. Vaccination provides an opportunity to keep these children in school and relieve many of the challenges facing children, families, and teachers due to children being quarantined.

The Health Department is partnering with the Eau Claire Area School District to offer several vaccine clinics in the upcoming months, as one of the many opportunities in our county. Sherman Elementary will host the first clinic on Thursday November 18th for 5–11-year old’s from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Flu vaccinations are also offered at this clinic for children, ages 6 months+. (Children may safely get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other immunizations, including the flu vaccine.) Appointments are encouraged and can be made at ecvaccine.as/me. Parents/guardians will need to be present at appointment.



The Health Department is also partnering with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare and the Western WI Public Health Consortium to offer pediatric Pfizer vaccine at the Jacob’s Well Church vaccination site in Lake Hallie. Nearly 100 children ages 5-11 are scheduled to get their vaccine on Friday, November 12th, which is the first day pediatric vaccine will be offered at this site. In addition to pediatric Pfizer, this site offers all vaccine types (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) and all doses (1st, 2nd, 3rd, booster) for all ages eligible. Weekly hours for this vaccination site are Monday 1pm-6pm and Thursday/Friday/Saturday from 11am-4pm. Appointment are encouraged and can be scheduled at www.vaccinate.wi.gov.

In addition, the Health Department is partnering with area healthcare providers and pharmacies to be sure that pediatric vaccine is available in these locations. Visit bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec, vaccines.gov, or text your zip code to 438829, to find these community locations.

Medical and public health experts, including the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, recommend that children and adolescents aged 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect them from contracting and spreading the virus. Although children are at a lower risk of becoming severely ill with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can get COVID-19, get very sick from COVID-19, have both short and long-term health complications from COVID-19 and spread COVID-19 to others. As we approach the holiday season, the best way to keep your children safe and healthy is by getting them the COVID-19 vaccine.

We encourage parents to make an informed decision for their family. Call your child’s doctor to talk through any questions you may have, or visit these reliable websites to learn more about COVID-19 vaccine and kids.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Checklist for Kids Aged 5 and Up \(American Academy of Pediatrics\)](#)
- [COVID-19: Resources for Parents and Guardians page \(WI DHS\)](#)
- [What should I know about vaccines for children and kids? \(Getanswers.org\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens \(CDC\)](#)

COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine for Children

- ★ Children 5 to 11 years of age
- ★ Two dose primary series, 3 weeks (21 days) apart
- ★ Effectiveness
 - 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5-11
- ★ Safety
 - No serious side effects have been found in the [child-specific trials](#)
 - A sore arm was the most common side effect
 - Can be given with other childhood vaccines
- ★ Find a Vaccine Near You
 - vaccines.gov

Example of 3 weeks apart

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	1st Dose	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	2nd Dose	25	26	27

Sources: FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Children 5 through 11 Years of Age | FDA
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