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COVID-19 vaccine boosters available for 5- to 11-year-olds at Health Department

Eau Claire – June 1, 2022 – The Health Department, area doctor offices, and pharmacies are booking appointments for 5- to 11-year-old children to receive their Pfizer COVID-19 booster. Children are eligible for a booster dose five months after their last COVID-19 vaccine. We encourage parents to call their family doctor to schedule their child’s vaccine. If you do not have a family doctor, you can now search for vaccine providers for this age group at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Parents can also schedule an appointment for their child at the Health Department’s COVID-19 vaccine clinic, held every Tuesday on the ground floor of the Eau Claire County Courthouse from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at ecvaccine.as.me or by calling (715) 839-4718.

“With higher cases numbers across Wisconsin, now is a great time to boost your immune system and decrease the chances of getting sick with COVID-19,” said Lieske Giese, Health Department Director. “In Eau Claire County, nearly one in three children in the 5- to 11-year-old age range have already gotten two doses of vaccine, helping our community to be a healthier place for all.”

Why get my child vaccinated against COVID-19?

There is still time for children who have not been vaccinated to get their first shot at protection against COVID-19.

- While children and adolescents are typically at lower risk than adults of becoming severely ill or hospitalized from COVID-19, it is still possible. Getting a vaccine further decreases this risk. Children who get COVID-19 are also at risk of long-term symptoms like dizziness, tiredness, or joint pain for several months.
- As more people get vaccinated, transmission in our communities and chances of new variants go down. Vaccines even help people who already had COVID-19.
- Children who are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine series, including receiving a booster dose when eligible, do not need to quarantine if they are a close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Can vaccines reduce my chance of having to quarantine?

People who are up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations do not have to quarantine if someone close to them tests positive. Being up-to-date means getting the initial vaccine doses and one booster when you’re eligible. People who are eligible for a booster but have not received it will need to quarantine for at least 5 days if someone around them tests positive.

For more information on the vaccine and how COVID-19 impacts children, visit: [COVID-19: Resources for Parents and Guardians page \(WI DHS\)](#).

To see who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccine, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm>