

## CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 NOW ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

November 3, 2021 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) encourages everyone eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Pfizer vaccine is now authorized for children 5 to 11 years old, and there is no cost to individuals. DHD#10 will begin offering COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 years and older starting Monday, November 8 at our vaccine clinics and by appointment. Please remember that COVID-19 vaccine is widely available locally, and parents or guardians should go wherever works best for their family.

“We anticipated this approval would happen and are ready to begin administering the COVID-19 to this age group,” says Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10.

“Vaccination continues to be our best tool for protecting individuals from serious illness and limiting the impact of COVID overall. Combining vaccination with non-medical interventions like masks, distance, and isolation or quarantine, provides as much protection as possible.”

Parents can schedule appointments for their children at [www.dhd10.org/schedule](http://www.dhd10.org/schedule). COVID-19 vaccines for children are expected to be widely available. Appointments allow for more accurate timing and appropriate spacing during indoor clinics. A parent or guardian must be present for vaccinating minors.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines have been rigorously tested for safety and medical experts overwhelmingly support vaccination. Though rates of severe illness have been lower in children compared to adults, children can get still infected, become ill, and spread illness to others. Vaccinating children ages 5-11 will help lower community transmission, reduce the burden of quarantine on families, keep kids in schools, and protect everyone from COVID-19.

Anyone eligible but not yet vaccinated against COVID should do so. Vaccination is safe, effective, free, and available at multiple community locations.

For questions, call us at 231-305-8675 or email us at [covid@dhd10.org](mailto:covid@dhd10.org).

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