

COVID-19 VACCINE EXPANDED TO CHILDREN AGES SIX MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS

June 22, 2022 - Following the authorization and recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Food and Drug Administration (FDA), both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available for children 6 months and older. The Pfizer vaccine is currently available at District Health Department #10 (DHD#10); however, the Moderna vaccine will begin at a later date.

According to the FDA, the clinical trials used to approve this vaccine resulted in mild side effects similar to those experienced by adults and older children. These side effects are similar to other non-COVID-19 vaccines that are also approved for children. The most common side effect reported was fatigue. The full FDA report is available [here](#).

“We are pleased to see that the younger age group is now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine,” said DHD#10’s Health Officer, Kevin Hughes. “This will provide young children the extra protection they need against COVID-19 and keep cases in this age group low.”

For those wanting to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose and/or flu shot, please visit www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904. If no appointments are available, consider going to a pharmacy or your primary health care provider.

DHD#10 does supply COVID-19 at-home tests; however, supplies are limited. Test kits are also available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand is high. If you have a positive COVID-19 at-home test kit, please report it here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6055601/3a61f0729898>

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.dhd10.org/coronavirus.

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