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COVID-19 Boosters Authorized for Children 5-11 Years Old

FREDERICK, MD -- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that children 5 through 11 years should receive a COVID-19 booster shot 5 months after their second dose of Pfizer vaccine.

Frederick County Health Department vaccination clinics will begin offering Pfizer boosters to children 5-11 years old on Friday, May 20, 2022. Upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics are posted on our website, and clinics offering vaccine for children 5-11 years old are specified with a link for that age group. Please schedule an appointment to guarantee a vaccination.

CDC is also strengthening its recommendation that those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first.

Additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics can be found at vaccines.gov or marylandvax.org for pharmacies and other locations. For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax or 855-634-6829 between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week.

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