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Frederick County's Plan for COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children 5 to 11 Years Old

FREDERICK, MD – In the next couple weeks, we expect that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and then Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may give emergency use authorization and make recommendations for children 5-11 years old to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Frederick County Health Department has been working with our partners on plans to make vaccine easily available to this newly eligible age group.

When the FDA authorization is officially granted and CDC's vaccination recommendations are available to us, the following options will be available for parents and guardians to get their children vaccinated:

- Clinics will be held in some Frederick County Public School (FCPS) elementary schools
 - FCPS will be identifying the locations and dates of the clinics.
 - These clinics will be held in the afternoon and early evening by appointment.
 - These clinics will be for 5-11 year old children only. Vaccine for people 12 years and older will not be available at these clinics.
 - FCPS will send out details about these clinics through Find Out First.
- Health Department vaccination clinics specifically for children 5-11 years old will be held at 800 Oak Street (entrance off Himes Ave.) in Frederick, MD
 - Dates, times, and links to schedule for these clinics will be posted on [FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/CovidVaccine)
- Some local pediatricians and pharmacies will also have vaccine available.

All children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive their COVID-19 vaccination, including at school clinics. As with all age groups, vaccines are free and insurance is not required.

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