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

FREDERICK, MD -- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have given emergency use authorization for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children who are 5-11 years old.

COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 years old will be available in a variety of ways:

- Frederick County Public School (FCPS) elementary schools, appointments required.
 - FCPS will be announcing the locations and dates of the clinics.
 - Students do not have to attend the school where vaccination clinics are being held.
 - 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, appointments required.
 - Saturday, Nov. 13 from 2-5pm. [Click to schedule](#).
 - Saturday, Nov. 20 from 2-5pm. [Click to schedule](#).
 - More will be posted on FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidVaccine.
- Parents are encouraged to check with their pediatricians on scheduling an appointment at their child's medical home.
- Other vaccine clinic options are listed at marylandvax.org or vaccines.gov.

All children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive their COVID-19 vaccination, including at school clinics. Vaccines are free and insurance is not required. COVID-19 vaccine is not authorized for children four years old and younger at this time.

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The COVID-19 vaccine dose for children 5-11 years old is different from the dose for people 12 years and older. For safety reasons, vaccinations for children 5-11 years old will not be administered at clinics for people 12 years and older, and vaccinations for people 12 years and older will not be administered at clinics for children 5-11 years old.

For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax or 855-634-6829 between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. Local help is also available at 301-600-7900 or 301-600-7505 for local help in Spanish.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccinations for children, Parents can visit [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#) for general vaccine information and to learn what to expect, including links to [specific tips](#) on how to support your children before, during and after their vaccination.

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