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Health Department ready to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 years

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- Mid-Michigan District Health Department is now scheduling Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination appointments for children ages 5 to 11 years following Tuesday's announcement that the Food and Drug Administration had granted emergency use authorization of the vaccine for this age group. The emergency use authorization has also been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination appointments for children ages 5 to 11 years can be made by calling the Mid-Michigan District Health Department branch office nearest you:

Clinton County: 989-224-2195, option 5 and then option 2

Gratiot County: 989-875-3681, option 5 and the option 2

Montcalm County: 989-831-5237, option 5 and then option 2

Please keep in mind that a parent or legal guardian must accompany minors to all health department vaccination appointments.

Parents looking for a vaccination site can also check with their child's doctor or local pharmacy to see if they offer the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. For a complete list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics near you, visit www.vaccines.gov.

The pediatric Pfizer vaccine consists of two shots, given at least three weeks apart with the doses being a third of what adults receive.

During clinical trials, the Pfizer vaccine was shown to be nearly 91 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 to 11 with no serious side effects. The most common side effect was a sore arm.

For additional information, please visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

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