

Madison County Announces Availability of COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids 5-11 Years Old

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EDWARDSVILLE - Madison County Health Department on Friday announced the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 years old. The only manufacturer currently approved through an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a COVID-19 vaccine for this age group is Pfizer-BioNTech.

Madison County Health Department's (MCHD) vaccine clinics will begin including individuals aged 5-11 on November 10th. Minors 17 and under must be accompanied by

a parent or guardian. All vaccinations are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at MCHD, visit www.madisonchd.org and click the green “Appointments for Vaccines are Open” button or call (618) 692-8954 x 2.

The new COVID-19 vaccine for kids 5-11 years old is also available at several other locations throughout Madison County. Several pediatrician offices have the vaccine or anticipate receiving it soon. Some offices will give the vaccine to people who are not their current patients. For a list of pediatrician offices in Madison County known to have or will be receiving the vaccine and information about who they will give it to, see the chart listed at <https://coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-madcoil.hub.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19-vaccine-appointment-scheduler>.

Many local pharmacies have or will be receiving the new vaccine soon as well. Check with your local pharmacy for availability and scheduling.

More organizations and locations will be added over the coming weeks as additional vaccine for this population arrives in Madison County.

CDC has a vaccine finder that lets you select which vaccine you are looking for and gives you all of the locations near you that currently have it. Visit www.vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 or text your zip code to 438829.

Many locations offering the new pediatric (kids 5-11 years old) vaccine also have the COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12 years and older. If you would like to get the vaccine or need your booster, check with the location to see if you can schedule your vaccine for the same time as your 5-11 year old's vaccine. You do not need to go to the same place for your booster that you received your original doses.