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More than 10% of Michigan children ages 5-11 have received their first dose of the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine
MDHHS urges parents and caregivers to make an appointment for their child as soon as possible

LANSING, Mic. – As of Friday, more than 87,000 (10.5%) of Michigan children ages 5 to 11 have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging parents and caregivers to get their children vaccinated before the holidays.

"We know these vaccines work and protect our children and their families," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Even healthy children can suffer serious affects from COVID-19. Being able to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 with the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine as we go into the holidays can help protect family members and friends of all ages as we gather to celebrate."

Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine received emergency use authorization for this age group from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and was recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on Nov. 2. About 825,000 Michigan children are eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Based on data provided by Pfizer, the vaccine was shown to be nearly 91% effective at preventing symptomatic disease from COVID-19 in this age group. The pediatric formulation of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, 21 days apart, at one-third the amount of the adult dosage.

With more than 4,000 vaccine providers across the state, including family physicians and pediatricians, urgent cares, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and pharmacies, there are plenty of providers and vaccines available for eligible children. Parents and caregivers can find a vaccine by visiting [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or by calling 211.

In Michigan, there have been more than 230,000 confirmed COVID cases in those age 19 and younger, and 29 deaths have been reported as of Nov. 22.

Data from the FDA and CDC show that children 5 to 11 years of age account for approximately 9% of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. overall, and approximately 40% of pediatric cases. COVID-19 has infected 1.9 million children ages 5 to 11 nationwide and

hospitalized 8,300. About one-third of hospitalized children required treatment in the intensive care unit. To date, 146 children have died, and more than 5,000 have developed Multisystem Inflammatory Disorder (MIS-C).

Michigan residents seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine can visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.

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