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Stewards for Optimum
Community Health

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Parents or Guardians of Students 5-11 years,

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, ACIP and CDC approved the use of pediatric Pfizer vaccine for children 5-11 years. The LENOWISCO Health District is pleased to offer the pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for those students 5-11 years. The schedule is:

- November 10, 2021 at Duffield Primary School at 9:00 a.m., at Rye Cove Intermediate School at 10:30 a.m., at Dungannon Intermediate School at 1:00 p.m., and at Nicklesville Elementary School at 2:00 p.m.
- November 16, 2021 at Shoemaker Elementary School at 9:00 a.m., at Hiltons Elementary at 11:00 a.m., Weber City Elementary at 1:00 p.m., and at Yuma Elementary School at 2:00 p.m.

Parents who consent for their child to receive pediatric Pfizer vaccine at school clinics are encouraged to attend the vaccine clinic with your child or children. Children that are 5-11 years will also be able to access pediatric Pfizer vaccine at some local healthcare providers and pharmacies.

The Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose series. The second dose is recommended to be given 21 days after the first dose. Two weeks after receiving the second dose, persons are considered fully vaccinated. Being fully vaccinated reduces the risk of disease, hospitalization, and death. Being vaccinated also protects friends, family, and the community. If you have questions or concerns about pediatric Pfizer vaccine for your child, please contact your child's healthcare provider.

Once fully vaccinated, you do not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19. It is important for those 5-11 years to be vaccinated to help prevent the spread of the virus in schools, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands help reduce the spread, and now receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to help prevent the spread of disease.

Common side effects from the vaccine include pain at the injection site, headache, muscle or joint pain, fever, and chills. These side effects typically resolve within 12-24 hours. Please review the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for specific vaccine information: <https://www.fda.gov/media/153717/download>

To register your student for a vaccine, you will sign them up online on the VASE+ system. To schedule the appointment, review the EUA, and sign the consent, please use the specific vaccine link for your child's school:

Duffield Primary School Nov 10:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275714840720402782319930151518704685431

Rye Cove Intermediate School Nov 10:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275714843541450526070778136226710563619

Dungannon Intermediate School Nov 10:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275714960753631924313693860128419905136

Nicklesville Elementary School Nov 10:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275715158576257991969494403161082462076

Shoemaker Elementary School Nov 16:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275830835643225676084292701415560318331

Hiltons Elementary School Nov 16:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275831186687199149019370299927676251643

Weber City Elementary School Nov 16:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275830835643461416619117554104628022651

Yuma Elementary School Nov 16:

https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhapps/f?p=535:205:::NO:205:P205_CLINIC_DETAILS_ID:275830986773008106040373364639585170807

The consent must be signed in order to receive the vaccine. If needed, you can contact your local health department to request assistance with scheduling.

Second doses will need to be scheduled 21 days after the first dose, at the local health department, at a healthcare provider or local pharmacy. Information will be shared about scheduling your child for school based second dose clinics in the near future.

Sincerely,

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