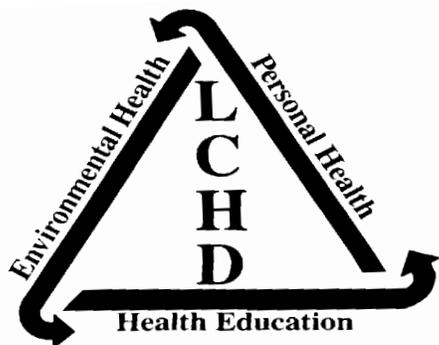


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“LaSalle County Health Department Offers Pfizer Vaccine for Children”

On November 2, 2021, the CDC endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years is a smaller dose (10 micrograms{ μg }). This is a third of the dose given for individuals 12 years and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, 3 weeks apart, for all eligible individuals. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering the vaccine for children on a weekly basis, **by appointment only**.

To schedule an appointment for a child vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find a link to schedule an appointment for a child dose of Pfizer.

Important Things to Remember:

- If the patient is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Day of Appointment Instructions:

- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.**
- The Health Department is located at 717 Etna Rd., Ottawa. COVID-19 child vaccinations will be given inside the Health Department.
- All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- **PLEASE BRING:**
 - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**

- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated. Absolutely **NO walk-ins**; you will be turned away and asked to leave.
- If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, we ask that only people receiving the vaccine come to the clinic.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

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