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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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Public Health Advisory

Marin County Public Health:

- Recommends that all eligible persons, including children 5 – 11 years old, get vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Strongly recommends co-administration of seasonal flu and/or other catch-up vaccines at the time of COVID-19 vaccination when possible.

Background

Today, the [Western States Scientific and Safety Review Workgroup recommended](#) Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 – 11 years old. The Workgroup thoroughly reviewed the evidence from the clinical trial in children ages 5 – 11 years of the 10 µg Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine presented to the U.S. Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) Vaccine Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on October 26, 2021, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) on November 2, 2021, as well as the advisory committees' commentaries.

Children of this age remain at risk of COVID-19 illness and its complications, including hospitalization and death. VRBPAC, FDA, ACIP, CDC, CDPH and the Workgroup have concluded the vaccine is safe and effective in this age group. They have determined the benefits of this vaccine for children ages 5-11 years substantially outweigh any known or potential risks.

Marin County Public Health has set a goal that 75 percent of eligible residents will be vaccinated with at least one dose before December 6. To achieve this goal, providers should encourage families to make an appointment for no-cost vaccination at the site most convenient for them, including the County sites, schools, and retail pharmacy sites.

Actions Requested of Providers

1. Notify parents of vaccine eligibility and availability. Appointments available starting November 3 at GetVaccinatedMarin.org.
2. [Offer](#) COVID-19 vaccinations for children and adolescents at your practice.
3. Address individual concerns and [promote](#) vaccine confidence.
4. Participate in CDC update on Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines: CDC's Recommendations for Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series in Children 5–11 Years Old on [Thursday, November 4 at 11AM – 12PM](#). The recording will be available for viewing on the [COCA Call webpage](#).
5. Learn more about updated pediatric vaccine recommendations at the CDPH Town Hall Webinar: COVID-19 Vaccination of 5-11-Year-Olds for Providers of Pediatric Services on [Friday, November 5 at 11AM – 12PM](#).

6. Review COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Education [resources](#). More information available at [Marin County Coronavirus Information | COVID-19 Vaccine](#).
7. Review patients' immunization records and provide indicated vaccinations. If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each in a different injection site. For adolescents, the deltoid muscle can be used for more than one intramuscular injection.

Resources

Marin County Public Health: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccinefinder>

Pediatric Vaccines: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine/pediatrics>

California Department of Public Health (CDPH): <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

Shots for School: <https://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/clinics/>

PHC CalVaxGrant Link (Extended to Dec. 17):
<https://www.phcdocs.org/Programs/CalVaxGrant>

CDC Interim Clinical Considerations: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>