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Children 5 – 11 Years of Age Now Eligible to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

San Bernardino County COVID-19 Vaccine Provider,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 years of age. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup met yesterday, November 2 to review these recommendations and have unanimously concluded that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for this age group. The Workgroup released the following statement in regards the new eligible population:

“...the Workgroup concluded the vaccine is safe and effective in this age group. Because substantial numbers of children of this age remain at risk of COVID-19 illness and its complications, including hospitalization and death, the Workgroup is confident that the benefits of this vaccine for children ages 5-11 years substantially outweigh any known or likely risks. Therefore, the Workgroup supports its use under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) as a two-dose series of 10 µg per dose given three weeks apart.”

Click here to view the complete press release from the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom.

For more information, please refer to the following resources:

- Comirnaty and Pfizer FDA Website
  - Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers (5-11 yrs., orange cap, must dilute)
  - Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregiver (5 – 11yrs.)
- CDC Press Release
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

Thank you for vaccinating our San Bernardino communities,

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