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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD".

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