



PENN·HARRIS·MADISON

SCHOOL CORPORATION

November 9, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation considers the health and safety of our school community as a top priority. The FDA has issued an extension of the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) allowing the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 5 years of age and older. As such, in conjunction with the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, we are offering a free COVID-19 Vaccination clinic for all students, staff, and parents/guardians.

This voluntary event is being held after school hours as a convenience for those families wishing to participate. P-H-M recognizes and respects family decisions in regards to non-IDOH immunization requirements.

Who can get the vaccine?

- The vaccine is now available for children 5 - 11 and everyone age 12 and older. For the scheduled dates we are providing an opportunity for **any P-H-M student, parent/guardian, and staff member eligible** to be vaccinated with their first dose and will offer booster shots to those already vaccinated.
- **Only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for the ages 5-11 age group at this time.** Two doses of the Pfizer vaccine are needed to provide full immunization. The first one primes the immune system, helping it to recognize the virus, and the second one strengthens the immune response. If the vaccine you received requires two doses, you should receive both doses, the second dose for this age group being **3 weeks after the first dose**. An individual is considered fully protected 2-weeks after the second/last dose.

When will the vaccinations be offered?

First Dose

Wednesday, November 10th, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 11th, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 12th, 5p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Dose

Wednesday, December 1st, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2nd, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 3rd, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where will the vaccinations be offered?

- The walk-up clinic will take place at the **Schmucker Middle School in the LGI and Seminar Rooms.**
- **Please enter through Door C (see map).**
- Address:
Schmucker Middle School
56045 Bittersweet Rd. Mishawaka 46545.

Keynotes about the vaccine for ages 5 -11?

- All children in the eligible group of ages 5-11 will have to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Upon availability of the online portal for parents to be able to pre-register and sign the consent for this private clinic, the information will be forwarded through the schools for efficiency and advance planning.
- Children ages 5 through 11 years receive one-third of the adult dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Smaller needles, designed specifically for children, are used for children ages 5 through 11 years.
- COVID-19 vaccine dosage does not vary by patient weight but by age on the day of vaccination.
- Your child will need a second shot of the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#) three weeks after their first shot.
- The experience of getting a COVID-19 vaccine will be very similar to the experience of getting routine vaccines. Use the [tips to support your child before, during, and after routine vaccinations](#) when they get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Registration:

- **Pre Registration will NOT be required.** Individuals will be served in the order in which you arrive. If possible, please print off and complete the registration prior to arrival.
 - LINK: [Copy of Registration \(English\)](#)
- Although there is NO COST to the participants, St. Joseph Health Systems asks that you please bring your insurance cards & state-issued IDs to help the registration process. If you do not have insurance you will not be turned away.

