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Press Release

COVID-19 Vaccines Now Available for those 5 to 11 at Macon County Public Health

Macon County Public Health to provide the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to those who are five (5) years old and older. Currently, Pfizer is the only vaccine authorized for use for individuals as young as 5 years of age. In addition to the benefits of vaccination, the ability to vaccinate school age children will help to reduce the number of quarantines and allow students, once fully vaccinated, to remain face-to-face for instruction regardless of exposure.

The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks. Typical reactions to the vaccine in children are pain at the injection site, redness, and swelling and your child may experience other reactions like tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea these symptoms usually go away within a few days of the vaccination.

A legal guardian of the student must be present for those under the age of eighteen (18) to receive the vaccination. Those who wish to schedule an appointment must call Macon County's Call Center at 828-524-1500 to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are readily available with no waitlist. The Macon County Vaccine Call Center is open Monday – Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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