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COVID-19 vaccine clinics for Juneau kids 5 to 11 tentatively scheduled for week of Nov. 8

Children in Juneau ages 5 to 11 may be able to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in early November, pending approvals by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The City and Borough of Juneau – in partnership with Juneau Public Health Center, Bartlett Regional Hospital, local pediatricians, and other community organizations – is planning to host free pediatric vaccine clinics the week of November 8. Registration for these clinics could open as early as Tuesday, November 2.

Juneau has approximately 2,700 children aged 5-11. CBJ anticipates receiving about 1,200 Pfizer doses from the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services for this first round of clinics. Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine will also be available through <u>SouthEast Alaska Regional</u> <u>Health Consortium (SEARHC)</u>, some local pharmacies, and the Juneau Public Health Center.

The <u>FDA meeting</u> that will start the approval process to allow using Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26. You can watch the meeting <u>here</u>. Following the FDA meeting, the <u>CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u> is expected to meet on November 2 and 3 to conclude the approval process.

The pediatric vaccine clinics will be located at Juneau schools, though the specific school buildings, dates, and times are still being finalized. When those details are confirmed, CBJ will notify the public. Again, appointment scheduling for pediatric COVID-19 vaccine may be available as early as Tuesday, November 2 for clinics taking place the week of November 8.

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