

November 4, 2021

Dear RIS Families,

Covid-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5-11

In anticipation of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approval of Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5-11, the Vermont Department of Health is partnering with schools to provide Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine to students while children are in school. This effort will be part of a comprehensive plan to vaccinate this age group quickly and safely.

According to the CDC, primary care practices who serve children in this age group is the preferred setting for delivery of Covid-19 vaccine. We encourage families to contact their primary medical home to set up an appointment. However, the Vermont Department of Health recognizes that some families may need other points of access for Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5-11, including community clinics and school-located clinics.

You can find community clinics at the Vermont Department of Health website:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

In addition, the Vermont Department of Health Rutland District Office will be scheduling dose 1 clinics at the following Rutland City School locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dose 1 Date</u>	<u>Dose 2 Date</u>
Northeast Primary School	November 16, 2021	December 7, 2021
Rutland Intermediate School	November 17, 2021	December 8, 2021

Registration website: <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>

Last day to register: November 10, 2021

You can register by phone at: **855-722-7878**

- Registration for the school clinic must be done in advance to provide consent for your child(ren) to be vaccinated.
- Parents should only register their child for the November first dose. As part of the exit process in the November clinic, students will be scheduled for the December second dose.
- **Parents must complete the screening form and send it in with the student on the day of vaccination.** Parents need only to complete **page one** of the screening form, linked here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>
- **Please note the appointment times in the registration system will NOT be followed the day of clinic.** School administration will send out communications regarding your child(ren)'s appointment time, which will be scheduled by classroom.

- Parents/guardians may arrive at the clinic to accompany their child, but know that parents do not need to attend. In fact, past experience reports that children tend to handle the process well when they are on their own, accompanied by school staff.
- We ask that students at Northeast School register only for that location.
- We ask that students at RIS register only for that location.
- **For students at Northwest School**, please register for the clinic being held at Northeast School. The school district will provide busing to Northwest students directly to the clinic on that day. If a Northwest parent wishes to accompany their child and needs transportation, they are welcome to ride the bus, leaving from Northwest.

Please know, there are limited slots at the school-based clinics. If you wish to have your child vaccinated at school, please log on and register as soon as possible.

Again, this clinic is optional. You may instead choose to go to your pediatrician, a pharmacy or a state-sponsored clinic elsewhere. We have agreed to host this clinic at each school as a convenience to parents, but no child will receive a vaccination without your registration and consent.

Sincerely,

Kerry Coarse, Principal
Rutland Intermediate School

Further information about the vaccine:

[What You Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines and Kids](#) from the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Child Health Improvement Project and the Vermont Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[Local Pediatrician Online Conversations on the COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids](#) organized by the Vermont Department of Health.

[Pfizer BioNTech Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) (EUA) - FDA's Emergency Use Authorization for use in individuals 12 years of age and older.