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**Rock Island County Health Department to hold Pfizer clinics for kids aged 5-11**

The Rock Island County Health Department will offer Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for kids aged 5-11 in the lower level clinic at its offices at 2112 25th Ave., Rock Island. Children will be vaccinated in private clinical rooms. Appointments are limited for the first few clinics. Clinics will be offered Friday, November 5, 2021, and Monday, November 8, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment only.

Links will open to schedule pediatric appointments at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Appointments will be made through our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RockIslandCountyHealthDepartment>) only. You do not need a Facebook account or a Sign Up Genius account to schedule an appointment. We expect these appointments will be filled very quickly.

The health department will also host a Saturday morning clinic for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for ages 5-11 on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The sign up for that clinic will be posted on the Facebook page at 10 a.m. on November 18, 2021.

On November 2, 2021, the CDC expanded vaccine recommendations to about 28 million children in the United States in this age group following CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky's endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Recommendation.

"Getting vaccinated now will offer protection before the holiday season," said Nita Ludwig, health department administrator. "Getting your children vaccinated can also reduce disruptions to in-person learning and activities."

The health department will continue to host walk-in Pfizer clinics for ages 12+ on Fridays 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m at the main floor clinic.

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