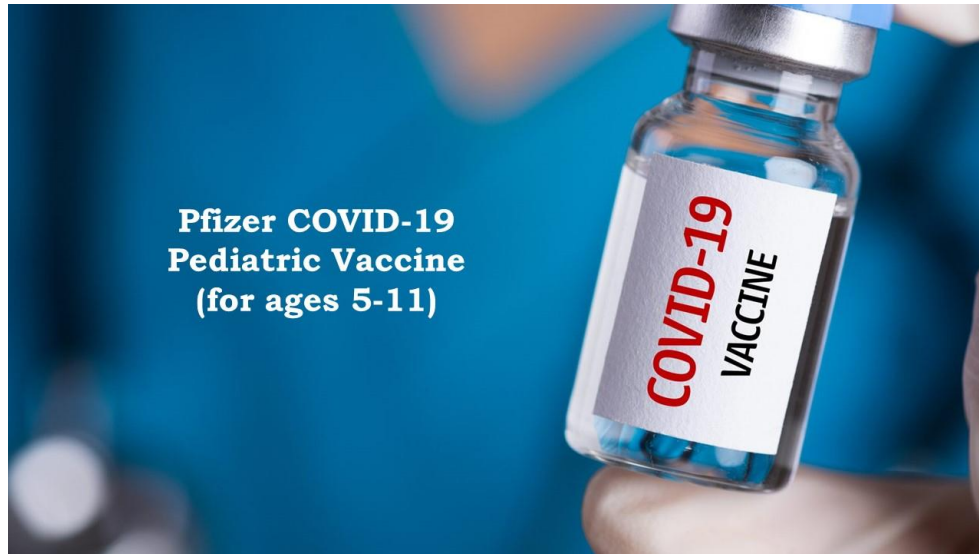


## Public Health to administer COVID-19 vaccine to 5-11 year olds



West Point Public Health has received an allotment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that received emergency use approval for children ages 5 to 11; and will conduct a 'first dose' COVID-19 vaccination drive, for children ages 5-11, on November 17th and 18th, at West Point Elementary School from 1530-1900.

The pediatric COVID-19 vaccination drive is available to the Greater West Point community including West Point beneficiaries, community members, and KACH-enrolled beneficiaries.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children age 5 to 11 receive the two-dose, pediatric Pfizer vaccine to prevent symptomatic infections and to reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID-19 complications.

A pediatrician will be present during the vaccine drive to respond to any questions you have about children with underlying conditions or if you are unsure whether the vaccine is right for your child.

Unlike many pediatric medications, the vaccine dosage does not vary by patient weight but by age on the day of vaccination. To be fully vaccinated, your child will need a second dose of the vaccine three weeks after their first shot.

The pediatric Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years has the same active ingredients as the vaccine given to adults and adolescents. However, children ages 5 through 11 years receive an age-appropriate dose that is one-third of the adult dose.

For more information on the pediatric Pfizer vaccine, go to the Keller Internet page at <https://keller.tricare.mil/>.

West Point Public Health recommends you protect your whole family and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Greater West Point community by getting yourself and your children ages 5 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19.