

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 4, 2021

Dear Staff and Families,

The Eastern Highland's Health District has asked that all school districts in their jurisdiction share with families that they will be offering the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine to children age 5 to 11. Please note for those parents/guardians who are seeking to vaccinate their child(ren), they must meet the age range of 5 to 11 years old on the date of the clinic, no exceptions. Three large scale vaccination clinics dedicated to children ages 5 to 11 will be located in the three largest school districts within the Eastern Highlands Health District. To promote equity, all three clinics will be made available to all families in the Eastern Highlands Health District by appointment only via VAMS, no walk-ins. A parent or legal guardian must be present during the entire clinic process, no exceptions. No other vaccines will be offered during these clinics. Corresponding 2nd dose clinics will be scheduled for the same time and location exactly 21 days later. Parents will schedule their child's second dose appointment during the first dose clinic.

Below please find the clinic location schedule and number of appointments available for each clinic:

Mansfield Middle School – Friday, November 12th, 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM
270 appointments

Tolland High School – Saturday, November 13th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
360 appointments

Coventry G.H. Robertson School – Tuesday, November 16th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
270 appointments

To schedule an appointment please navigate to [VAMS.cdc.gov](https://vams.cdc.gov). **Appointments for the above listed clinics will be viewable, and available for scheduling online in VAMS on or after Sunday, November 7th, beginning at 12:00 noon.**

Directions for scheduling appointments can be found at [COVID-19-Vaccinations-VAMS-Support](#). Attached please find a clinic flyer and a separate pdf document with instructions on how to schedule an appointment in VAMS ~ [Children 5-11 Covid Vaccination Flyer.pdf](#) and [VAMS-Account-Creation-and-Scheduling-Guide-v6.pdf](#).

You can send an email to ehhd@ehhd.org, or find information on their website at [EHHD.org](https://ehhd.org), if you have problems with VAMS. There is also an online ticket/support feature that parents can use at DPH-CThelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket.

Additional information on the Covid-19 vaccine for children can be found at the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>

https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/kids?language=en_US

<https://www.fda.gov/media/153717/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use-children-5-through-11-years-age>

This quick ramp up of vaccination resources by the Eastern Highlands Health District for this age group is just part of the resources that will be available to families in the area. The health district will subsequently in the coming late fall and winter months be scheduling smaller weekly clinics at their main offices in Mansfield. Additionally, in the coming weeks/months, there will be other providers in the region and throughout eastern Connecticut vaccinating this age group. The EHHD office will be receiving a list of those providers and we will pass this information on to parents and staff when it becomes available.

Stay safe and be well,

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