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## **COVID-19 Booster Vaccines Expand to Include 5-11 Year-Olds** *Doses Available at County Health Dept. Clinics*

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for individuals aged 5-11 years. This approval comes with recommendations that children this age receive the booster dose at least five months after the primary series, under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization.

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for all children 5 years-old and up. They are safe and they help protect children from getting seriously ill from COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccine protection may wane over time after the primary series and boosters can further enhance or restore protection. The best protection from serious illness or severe COVID-19 is through vaccination. Families with questions about this vaccination should consult with their child's pediatrician.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available throughout Oneida County as well as at the Oneida County Health Department clinics in Utica and Rome. For more information or to schedule an appointment at the clinic, visit <https://ocgov.net/content/vaccination-appointments#> or call 315-798-5747. For other vaccination location options, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>.

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