

# A Friendly Note from Your School Nurse



Dear Parents and Families,

You've likely heard the news that we have a new tool available to all of us to help keep our school community safe. The COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine has been approved by the FDA for children 5-11 years of age. According to the CDC, getting your child vaccinated can:

- help protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at increased risk of getting very sick if they are infected.
- help keep children from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- help keep students in school and safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities.
- avoid quarantine when considered a close-contact if symptom-free (no fever, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, headache, body aches, stomach ache, runny nose, congestion, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea).

Today, as part of the Eagles360 Program, I'm sharing information on how to access the vaccine for your child, if you are comfortable doing so.

Currently, local pharmacies are not taking walk-ins, however, appointments are being scheduled through their website. Please check the following websites for scheduling options:

[www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com) (scheduling now for availability beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>)

[www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com) (scheduling now for availability beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>)

[www.stormontvail.org](http://www.stormontvail.org) (scheduling appointments through MyChart)

[www.hyvee.com](http://www.hyvee.com) (please contact for pending delivery availability)

Walk-ins are available at the Kansas Museum of History through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Mobile Vaccine Clinic Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Please call (785) 322-9195 for availability. You may also contact your child's pediatrician office to check if the vaccine is being offered.

Thank you again for all you do! It truly takes a team effort to continue staying safe, healthy and in school. Let's continue having a wonderful school year as we battle this pandemic together!

Sincerely,

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