



RSU 23

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November 5, 2021

Dear Jameson Elementary and Loranger Memorial School Parents & Guardians,

The CDC and FDA have now authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children **5 - 11 years old**. Vaccinating our children is the next step we can take in helping to end the pandemic. We are pleased to offer school-based vaccine clinics in collaboration with MaineHealth. **The most convenient way to get your child vaccinated is at one of these clinics.**

We're offering school-based COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the following dates & times:

Date/Time	Location
November 18, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 5 pm (dose one)	Loranger Memorial School 148 Saco Ave, Old Orchard Beach Maine 04064
December 9, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 5 pm (dose two)	Loranger Memorial School 148 Saco Ave, Old Orchard Beach Maine 04064

To sign your child up:

- Read** the vaccine fact sheet. Upon vaccine authorization, the fact sheet will likely be updated with specifics about the vaccine for ages 5-11: www.fda.gov/media/144414/download
- Complete** both the Registration Form (Online) and Consent Forms (Hard Copy). The Consent Form must be signed by a parent or guardian.
 - Please complete the online registration form linked here - [Student Vaccination Registration Form \(http://bit.ly/RSU23StudentVaccineForm\)](http://bit.ly/RSU23StudentVaccineForm).
 - If you are unable to access the online form for any reason, please use the form attached below and return it to your child's school.
 - The consent form is attached and also available at mainehealth.org/consent
- Complete** both forms by November 15, 2021 and return a signed, hard copy consent form to your child's school.

*****In order for your child to receive the vaccine at the school clinic, you must fill out both forms and return them to the school. The Consent Form must be signed by a parent or guardian.*****

Why choose a school-based clinic?

- The school-based setting feels familiar and safe for most kids and parents, and school staff are seen as trustworthy and caring members of kids' communities.
- Some pharmacies may not be able to offer the COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5-11.

- Due to the pandemic, many providers' offices are very busy, so office visits for the COVID-19 vaccine are limited.

We understand that everyone's path to health is different. Below are some important things to consider when making a decision about COVID-19 vaccination for your child.

- The vaccine was authorized after studies showed it is safe and effective.
- COVID-19 virus variants are causing widespread infections among young people in Maine. The Pfizer vaccine is effective against the variants.
- The vaccine will help prevent your child from transmitting the virus to others.
- Getting your child vaccinated before the holiday season will help protect your child, as well as friends and family, from COVID-19 infection.

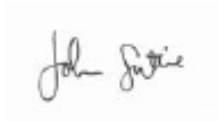
The FDA & CDC will provide more information about COVID-19 vaccination for children age 5 - 11 years old very shortly. To learn more right now:

- Visit these trusted resources to read frequently asked questions about vaccinating children:
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/covid-vaccines.html>

We urge you to stay safe by continuing to follow CDC guidance. Wear a mask indoors in public settings or gatherings, continue to practice hand hygiene and get a COVID-19 vaccine booster if it is recommended for you.

Thank you for doing your part to protect yourself, your family and your community during this time.

Sincerely,



Superintendent Of Schools, RSU 23

File attachments:

[COVID-19 Patient Vaccination Consent Form.pdf](#)

[Pfizer 5 through 11 Fact Sheet for Recipients-COVID-19 Vaccine Final.pdf](#)