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### **Governor Sisolak Announces "Protect Nevada's Future" Vaccine Events for Kids**

CARSON CITY, NV – Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak is proud to announce "Protect Nevada's Future," a focused, statewide effort to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 years against COVID-19 before the end of the year.

In partnership with Nevada Health Response, the Nevada State Immunization Program, Immunize Nevada and local partners, "Protect Nevada's Future" will focus on a series of vaccine events for kids from December 18 to 23.

The event will feature pharmacies, pop-up clinics, and provider offices throughout the state that will be offering Pfizer's 5-to-11-year-old COVID-19 vaccine. Each site will provide vaccine information for parents and caregivers to make sure their questions are answered.

"Families and communities will be gathering during the holidays, and another virus variant raises concerns for another COVID-19 surge," **said Governor Sisolak.** "Children are as likely to be infected with COVID-19 as adults and can get sick with short and long-term health complications, and we want to do what we can to prevent more Nevadans from getting ill."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age on October 29, 2021. The vaccine is to be administered as a two-dose primary series, 21 days apart.

According to results from clinical trials, the vaccine was found to have a 90.9% efficacy rate in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 to 11 years old. The side effects experienced by trial participants in the age group were very mild, and include pain and redness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, diarrhea, and muscle pain.

"Vaccinating kids further safeguards members of the community who cannot get vaccinated because they are immunocompromised or too young," **said Karissa Loper, Health Bureau Chief.** "It's important to offer our younger children a layer of protection before they return to school after the holiday break and I hope this week of events encourages families to get their questions answered and make a plan for vaccination."

To find a vaccine site for kids ages 5 to 11 years, visit [nvcovidfighter.org](https://nvcovidfighter.org) or call 800-401-0946.

A digital toolkit for the statewide effort can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rZyEp6yBQPhz7TfhGmMKo37lwyX4gPWu?usp=sharing>

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