



November 4, 2021

Covid-19 Vaccines at Northeast School for ages 5-11

Dear Northeast Families,

Following the FDA and CDC approval of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for young children, children ages 5 to 11 years old will be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Primary care and pediatric offices are the preferred setting for getting pediatric vaccines. We encourage families to contact their primary medical home to set up an appointment.

The Vermont Department of Health recognizes that some families may need or prefer other points of access for the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5-11, including community clinics (such as some local pharmacies or schools). You can find community clinics at the Vermont Department of Health website below.

As a part of a comprehensive state-wide plan to vaccinate this age group quickly and safely, the Vermont Department of Health and Rutland City Schools will also be providing free COVID-19 vaccines to any students ages 5-11 at school, during school hours, and at the following Rutland City School locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dose 1 Date</u>	<u>Dose 2 Date</u>
<i>Northeast Primary School</i> (for students attending Northeast Primary School)	November 16, 2021	December 7, 2021
<i>Rutland Intermediate School</i> (for students attending Rutland Intermediate School)	November 17, 2021	December 8, 2021

If you want to have your child vaccinated at a community site (i.e. pharmacy) or one of the two schools listed above, you must register ahead of time using one of the following methods:

- Online ~ Vermont Department of Health website
 - <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>
- Online~ Vermont COVID-19 Event Portal
 - <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>
- Call~ Vermont COVID-19 Vaccination call center at 855-722-7878

117 Temple Street Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 773-1940

For those families interested in having their child vaccinated:

1. Complete & return ASAP: the Northeast School COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment ASAP in your child's homework folder
2. On Day of Vaccine: Pre-Vaccination Checklist must be completed before your child arrives at school, on the day they child will be vaccinated.
3. The last day to register for the school site is November 10, 2021.
4. Vaccinations require consent. No vaccines will be done at school without consent.

Important things to know:

- Parents need only register their child for the November first dose.
- As part of the exit process in the November clinic, students will be scheduled for the second dose happening on December 7th.
- Parents/guardians may choose to come to the school near the time of the appointment to accompany their child, but know that parents do not need to attend. (Past experience suggests that many children tend to handle the process well when they are on their own, accompanied by school staff).

Please note: The scheduling sites require “appointment times” to be selected at the time of your registration, however depending on the number of students participating on that day, times will vary. School administration needs to schedule exact times based on school groupings and transportation and can only do this once there is a complete roster of all of the students getting vaccinated on that day.

As we get closer to the vaccination day, a staff member will call or email you with your child's appointment time.

Again, if registering electronically or if registering by phone and you are asked for a time just pick any time that is open but know that this is not the time your child will be getting their shot.

Please know, there are only a limited number of appointment slots at the school-based clinics. If you wish to have your child vaccinated at school, please log on and register as soon as possible.

Again, this clinic is optional. You may instead choose to go to your pediatrician, a pharmacy or a state-sponsored clinic elsewhere. We have agreed to host this clinic at each school as a convenience to parents, but no child will receive a vaccination without your registration and consent.

Sincerely,

Susanne Engels,
Northeast School Principal

Click the included links for further information about the vaccine:

What You Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines and Kids from the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Child Health Improvement Project and the Vermont Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Vaccine-Parent-Handout.pdf>

Local Pediatrician Online Conversations on the COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids organized by the Vermont Department of Health. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine#vaccinesforchildren>

Pfizer BioNTech Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers (EUA) - FDA's Emergency Use Authorization for use in individuals 12 years of age and older. <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/comirnaty-and-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine#additional>

Northeast Primary School COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

(Please return this form back to school ASAP)

My child _____ who is in _____'s classroom
will get a Covid-19 vaccine at school.

Check one:

I feel they will do better with school /clinic staff support only. Because I am not coming I do not need to know the appointment time.

My child will have a vaccine at school and one of their grown ups from home will come to support them. The number or email you can tell me the approximate appointment time is:

_____.

Parent/Guardian's Name Below:

Please return this to school ASAP