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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

*Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Pediatric Vaccine Now Available*

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – Beginning Friday, June 24, 2022, the Shelby County Health Department will begin providing the newly-approved COVID-19 vaccines to children six months old up to age five at two locations Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No appointment is needed.

The vaccinations are available at no cost at the following locations on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.:

- 814 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 207
- 1826 Sycamore View Road

Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine have been tested and found to be safe and effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths among children in the younger age range. The main difference between the vaccines is the number of doses. Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine is a 3-dose regimen. Children will receive two doses three weeks apart and a third dose at least two months after the second dose. The Moderna vaccine for children ages six months through 5 years old is given in two shots spaced four weeks apart.

The vaccines are recommended because children are at risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes. Since the pandemic began, more than 4.8 million children ages 5 through 11 have been diagnosed with COVID-19, 15,000 have been hospitalized and, tragically, nearly 200 have died.

“Many families have been very eager to vaccinate their younger children. Some have delayed family visits, vacation trips and summer camp because their youngest cannot yet be protected by vaccines. As a parent, I was greatly relieved when my children were able to be vaccinated and have all the protection against the most severe impacts of the virus that the vaccines provide.”

In addition to the Health Department, COVID-19 vaccinations are also free and widely available at pharmacies and other vaccination sites all over Shelby County. Go to <https://www.vaccines.gov/> and enter your zip code to find vaccination sites near you.

For more information about the Health Department's COVID-19 response, please visit [Shelby.community](http://Shelby.community).

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