

On January 3rd , the FDA approved boosters for kids ages 12-16. On January 5th , the CDC gave its approval as well. Please call the office to schedule if your child is eligible. It must be five (shorter than previous interval) months since his or her 2nd dose.

We have started to receive small amounts of COVID vaccine and can begin scheduling your children ages 5-11 for the vaccine. We will take appointments (you will be scheduled for both the first and second dose) on a first come first serve basis, but if you call and we are out of appointment times, we will gladly place your child on a waitlist in the order in which you called.

Alternatively, if you have MyChart access for your child through Johns Hopkins, you can log in and schedule an appointment at one of their vaccine clinics.

Finally, there continue to be multiple other locations that are offering vaccine appointments. CVS, Walgreens, as well as other pharmacies are offering the vaccine, as well as Dept of Health at their mass vaccination clinics. You can look for options near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

We strongly recommend that all eligible children receive the vaccine and are happy to discuss with you any questions or concerns you may have.

Here is a short video from the NPR radio program Brains On! (highly recommended the podcast in its own right) that explains for kids how the vaccine works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrSVxSrqow0>