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ST. CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO BEGIN PEDIATRIC COVID VACCINATIONS FOR AGES 5-11

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Department of Public Health (DPH) will begin vaccinating children ages 5-11 with the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID vaccine. With today’s authorization from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the department may vaccinate anyone ages 5 and older with a first or second shot of the Pfizer vaccine.

“The availability of a vaccine and the willingness for individuals to protect themselves by becoming fully vaccinated have resulted in a significant decrease in the severity and spread of COVID-19 across our community,” Department of Public Health Acting Director Sara Evers says. “With more than 54 percent of all St. Charles County’s residents (and nearly 64 percent of those residents ages 12 and older) already fully vaccinated, we welcome the opportunity to extend protection to children ages 5-11 with this new authorization. Vaccinating more individuals will further efforts to keep our families, workplaces and schools moving forward against this virus.”

Vaccination Appointments

DPH will begin vaccinating those ages 5-11 from 3-6 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 10 during an indoor operation at the St. Charles Family Arena, located at 2002 Arena Parkway in St. Charles. In addition to children seeking their initial vaccination, siblings and caregivers, who meet eligibility requirements, may attend this event and receive first, second, additional or booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine. The event is open to the first 240 scheduled appointments, which may be made by visiting www.sccmo.org/COVIDVaccineSignUp or calling 636-949-1899. **Please note:** Individuals ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of the vaccination.

In addition to the Family Arena event, individuals may receive COVID vaccinations through the DPH Immunization Clinic, located at 1650 Boone’s Lick Road in St. Charles. Appointments are required for these vaccinations and are available from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m., on Fridays – beginning Nov. 5, 2021. To schedule, call 636-949-1899.

Additional vaccination events will be held at the Family Arena, branches of the St. Charles City-County Library District and other locations around St. Charles County. Information on times, dates and locations for these opportunities will be available at www.sccmo.org/COVIDvaccine when details are finalized.

To improve efficiency, individuals should arrive within 10 minutes of their scheduled appointment and follow staff direction while at the Family Arena. For the appointment, individuals will need:

- Photo identification or parent/guardian attestation.
- Evidence of employment, for verification of eligibility status within specified industries.
- A copy of the appointment confirmation.
- Their personal COVID vaccination card or a photo copy of this card (for second, additional or booster doses).

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About the St. Charles County Department of Public Health

Through the efforts of its three divisions — Environmental Health and Protection, Health Services and Humane Services — the St. Charles County Department of Public Health provides a wide range of services that enhance the well-being of the community. To learn how the department assists this region or to find out about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, visit sccmo.org/PublicHealth or call 636-949-7400.

About St. Charles County

St. Charles County, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of 405,262, it is the state's third largest county. It is home to 17 scenic county parks, encompassing nearly 4,000 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to several multi-national companies, including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, visit sccmo.org.