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Este mensaje con información sobre **las vacunas Pfizer contra el COVID-19 para niños de 5 a 11 años** esta disponible en español en: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/messages.aspx>

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To: ODDS Providers and Partners
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
Subject: Pfizer COVID vaccine authorized for ages 5 to 11

The pediatric version of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be available this week for all children ages 5 to 11 in Oregon. The Pfizer vaccine for this age group is a smaller dose (10 micrograms) than the Pfizer vaccine for ages 18 and older (30 micrograms).

The vaccine received emergency use authorization (EUA) after review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

The initial state allocation of pediatric Pfizer vaccine began shipping to Oregon this week and will continue. In the next few weeks, pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, doctor's offices, and special COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be prepared to vaccinate children. The state Public Health Director issued an order that permits Oregon pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines to children.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) encourages parents and caregivers to talk with their child's doctor or pharmacist to get their questions answered.

OHA has an [FAQ](#) that addresses common questions about the COVID-19 vaccines for 5 to 11-year-olds.

Case management entities and providers that support children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) should reach out to families and guardians and connect them with vaccine opportunities in their local area.

OHA has an online [technical assistance form](#) where providers, case management entities or individuals/families can request assistance getting access to a COVID-19 vaccine. Specifically, the form should be used by providers of group homes with residents and staff that need vaccine assistance, or people receiving in-home services who, for whatever reason, cannot leave their home for a vaccine. Case management entities are encouraged to fill the form out for people in services who may need vaccine access.

If you already submitted a request to ODDS to support a child receiving a COVID-19 vaccination at their own home, due to an inability to access a community event or retail pharmacy, there is no need to resubmit the data. ODDS shared the information with OHA directly.

The OHA vaccine toolkit has resources, including vaccine locations, 211 info, vaccine facts and much more. OHA has information on its webpage for parents and guardians: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-vaccine-parents-guardians>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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