

# Kittery

School District

*Truth & Knowledge*

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Good afternoon...

The US CDC is meeting today to discuss giving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 5 to 11, and they are expected to recommend moving forward. The FDA has already authorized the two-shot regimen (each vaccine dose is one-third of that used for adolescents and adults).

As you know, the Kittery School District has partnered with York County Emergency Management Agency (the group that is running the impressive COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the former Sanford Marshalls Department Store). Based on an earlier Kittery family survey, I am anticipating at least 250 formal requests for the under-12 vaccine. We are ready to go!

All vaccines come with risks. If you are still unsure about the vaccine for your 5 to 11-year-old, you may want to discuss your questions with your student's pediatrician soon. There will be great demand for this vaccine, and I wouldn't want our Kittery families to miss this opportunity. On a personal note, my own 11-year-old will be getting his COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. All three of my other children are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Children who are 5-years-old on or before November 10th and who are under 12-years-old are eligible to participate in these vaccine clinics:

## **Wednesday, November 10th**

- Mitchell Primary School 7:30 - 10:45 AM
- Shapleigh School noon - 2:00 PM

## **Wednesday, December 1st**

- Mitchell Primary School 7:30 - 10:45 Am
- Shapleigh School noon - 2:00 PM

Click [here for the official registration link](#).

I have attached the consent form to this email. **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED CONSENT FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE.** I recommend printing it, filling it out completely (including signing it), and returning it to the school office by Monday, November 8th.

If you have any questions, please call or email your school nurse:

- **Mrs. Cantara, RN** (Mitchell Primary School) 207-439-1707 ([mcantara@kitteryschools.com](mailto:mcantara@kitteryschools.com))
- **Ms. Bladen, RN** (Shapleigh School) 207-439-2572 ([bbladen@kitteryschools.com](mailto:bbladen@kitteryschools.com))

I also recommend watching this [very informative video](#) from the American Academy of Pediatrics. We look forward to offering this COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Wednesday, November 10th.

Sincerely,

*Eric*

Eric Waddell  
Supt. of Schools

*PS. If you would prefer to be on site when your student receives their vaccine, plan to come early to Mitchell Primary School (7:30 - 8:30 AM) or later to Shapleigh School (after 1:30 PM). We know vaccines can cause anxiety for children. If a parent/guardian being present will help, that is perfectly fine with our team!*