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Tazewell County Health Department Offers COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages Six Months to Four Years

Tazewell County Health Department will be offering COVID-19 vaccines to children ages six months to four years beginning Monday, June 27. The announcement follows approval by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines.

“We’ve sacrificed so much for more than two years while trying to keep our families safe from COVID-19 and now we finally have approved vaccines to protect our youngest residents. This is a major step toward getting this pandemic under control,” said TCHD Administrator Amy Fox. Pfizer vaccines for young children will be available at the TCHD clinics on Mondays.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is authorized to be given to children ages six months to four years in 3 microgram doses, with a 3-week interval between the first two doses, followed by a third dose at least 8 weeks after the second dose.

“It has been a long wait and at times an excruciating one as we watched the rise in hospitalizations nationwide among this young cohort during our most recent COVID surges,” said Angie Phillips, Director of Clinical Services. “I believe families should feel confident that the safety and efficacy of vaccines for this age group were firmly established before approval was considered.”

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, more than 13.5 million children in the U.S. have been infected with COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, and although most children experience mild symptoms, more than 42,000 have been hospitalized in the U.S. and at least 1,240 children aged 18 and younger have died.

Vaccination clinics will be held on Mondays at TCHD in Tremont. Visit <https://www.tazewellhealth.org/399/COVID-19-VACCINES> or contact 309-929-0294 to schedule an appointment.

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