RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

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COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout for Children Aged 5 to 11

In the coming weeks, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and partners will be offering dedicated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children 5 to 11 years of age. This announcement follows Health Canada's approval of Pfizer-BioNTech's pediatric formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The <u>National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends</u> that a complete series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (10 mcg) be offered to children 5 to 11 years of age who do not have contraindications to the vaccine, with a dosing interval of at least 8 weeks between the first and second dose.

Starting Tuesday, November 23 at 8:00 a.m., residents can book appointments for clinics dedicated to children 5 to 11 years of age online <u>– click here</u>. Additional vaccination clinics dedicated to children 5 to 11 years of age may be added based on supply and demand.

Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age, as select pharmacies will also offer the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group.

Residents will be asked to book an appointment online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist is they are unable to book online themselves.

For more information, visit <u>RCDHU's website</u> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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