The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for children 5 to 11 years old.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**
All children 5 and older are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

**HOW IS THIS VACCINE DIFFERENT?**
5- to 11-year-olds get a 10-microgram dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. 12- to 17-year-olds and adults get the same 30-microgram dose. It is stored at a different temperature than the regular Pfizer vaccine.

**HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE VACCINE?**
In clinical trials, the vaccine was 90.9% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 to 11 years old (2,268 trial participants). The lower dose provided the same protection in kids 5-11 years old as the regular dose did in adolescents/young adults.

**HOW MANY DOSES ARE NEEDED?**
To be fully vaccinated, children must receive two doses, 21 days apart.

**WHAT SIDE EFFECTS DO KIDS EXPERIENCE?**
Side effects experienced by 5- to 11-year-olds in clinical trials were very mild. They include pain and redness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, diarrhea, and muscle pain.

**WHY VACCINATE MY CHILD?**
Unvaccinated children are at risk. COVID-19 cases in children can result in hospitalizations, MIS-C (inflammatory syndromes), long-term complications, and even death. The Delta variant resulted in a surge of COVID-19 cases in children with hospitalizations increasing fivefold. Vaccines protect kids so that they can continue to learn in person, interact with peers and have a more normal life.

**CAN WE GET OTHER VACCINES AT THE SAME TIME?**
It is safe for kids to get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines, like flu or chickenpox.