



November 29, 2021

Dear District Administrators:

The Department of Public Instruction is writing to provide information and resources regarding the importance of encouraging COVID-19 vaccination for children in your district.

On November 3, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced children ages 5-11 years are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination is key not only in keeping children safe, but also in reducing disruptions to in-person learning and school activities. We share the two actions listed below as possible ways to locally support vaccination of children ages 5 – 11 years.

- Promote COVID-19 vaccination to families

DHS has developed materials to help provide valuable information to parents, including a [“What Parents and Guardians Should Know” fact sheet](#). To facilitate communicating directly to families, consult the [COVID-19: Vaccine Conversations](#) webpage or use the [template email to contact parents and guardians](#).

- Hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at schools in your district

Please contact your local or tribal health department, and if they are not able to locate a vaccinator to assist with a clinic, contact DHS through the [COVID-19 Resource Matching Survey](#), found on the [COVID-19 partner resources page](#).

On a more personal note, let me add this: I know that this is a difficult time. Honestly, I know saying that is a vast understatement. Taking either or both actions locally can play an important role in encouraging vaccination, keeping children safe, and moving us through this pandemic. I, and all of us at DPI, are grateful to you for all your continued work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Johnson".

John W. Johnson, PhD
Deputy State Superintendent

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