



## Jackson County Department of Public Health

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### **Pfizer COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccines Now Available for Children Ages 5-11**

The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have authorized and recommended the Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccines for children ages 5-11. Clinical trials with more than 3,000 children found the vaccines safe and effective. The vaccine was 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 through 11. Vaccination can help children stay in school and safely be with friends and family. Parents can protect their children from needing hospitalization or having long-lasting COVID-19 symptoms by having their children vaccinated.

The Jackson County Department of Public is pleased to partner with Jackson County Public Schools, Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department, Sylva First United Methodist Church, and the state vendor, Optum, to provide community COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout the month of November. These clinics are open to anyone. Pfizer vaccines only will be available, but includes primary series, booster, and pediatric doses.

The community vaccine clinics are scheduled as follows:

November 8 and 9: Smokey Mountain Elementary School (cafeteria) 4:00-7:00 PM  
November 15, 16, & 17: Smoky Mountain High School (front lobby) 4:00-7:00 PM  
November 18: Blue Ridge School (library) 4:00-7:00 PM  
November 20: Sylva First United Methodist Church (gymnasium) 10:00 AM-6:00 PM  
November 21, 22, 23: Cullowhee Recreation Center (meeting rooms) 4:00-7:00 PM  
December 4: Sylva First United Methodist Church (gymnasium) 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Those 12 and older can pre-register at [myoptumserve.com](https://myoptumserve.com). However, registration for children 5-11 will not be available until November 16. Children 5-11 may walk-in for a vaccine. For more information, please call 828-586-8994.

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