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## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL USDA PROGRAMS  
FROM: DCCECE / HNU  
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for Children

Did you know that the COVID-19 Vaccine is now available for children ages 5-11? Here are some facts provided by the USDA regarding the vaccine.

- The long-term effects of a pediatric COVID case can be serious and last months; the most common side-effect of the COVID vaccine, which provides lasting protection, is a sore arm.
- The best way to protect your child against COVID-19, including the Delta variant, is to get them vaccinated.
- Like other pediatric vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine was thoroughly tested on children before being recommended.



If you have questions, talk to a pediatrician, school nurse, or another trusted healthcare provider about your child and the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Disclaimer:** COVID-19 vaccinations are not required or enforced by DHS Health and Nutrition Unit. The information provided above is from the USDA and is for knowledge purposes only.

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