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“LaSalle County Health Department Offers COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Six Months of Age and Older”

LaSalle County Health Department is now offering COVID-19 vaccines for children six months of age and older. Earlier this month, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ (ACIP) recommendation that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19. All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated. **At this time the Health Department will only be offering Moderna vaccine.**

- The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is authorized to be given to children six months through five years with 28 days between the two doses. Each dose is one-quarter of the adult dose.

To schedule an appointment for a COVID vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecountyil.gov and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a dose of Moderna.

Day of Appointment Instructions:

- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.**
- Patients under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are bringing more than one child 6 months through five years please bring an additional adult.

- The Health Department is located at 717 E. Etna Rd., Ottawa. COVID-19 child vaccinations will be given inside the Health Department.
- All attendees over the age of two will need to wear a face covering.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- **PLEASE BRING:**
 - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**
- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm or thigh for injection.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecountyil.gov.

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