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Interior Health begins COVID-19 pediatric vaccines

IH-WIDE – Children in Interior Health five to 11 years old will be able to get their COVID-19 vaccine starting this week.

“We’re launching the next phase of our immunization campaign by now offering the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine to children,” said Dr. Sue Pollock, Interior Health interim chief medical health officer. “This vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 in children, which means less disruption to school and the activities children and their families enjoy.”

Parents and guardians must register their children at www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 1-833-838-2323.

When a nearby clinic is available, parents and guardians will receive a text or email when it is time to book an appointment.

“Immunizing children brings additional protection to everyone in your family,” said pediatrician Dr. Shannon Wires. “The pediatric COVID-19 vaccine has gone through a rigorous review and approval process. It provides excellent protection and I recommend parents get their children vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Children are eligible for registration on or after their fifth birthday.

For more information on registering and booking appointments with your children visit: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/disease-outbreaks/covid-19/vaccines-for-children-5-11>

For a list of all Interior Health COVID-19 immunization clinics and other resources visit: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/disease-outbreaks/covid-19>

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