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Parents/Guardians,

This is an update to the letter sent to you of November 22 regarding a change to the COVID-19 vaccine administration program for children five to 11 years of age.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) continues to work with your school division to arrange for the administration of a pediatric dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to students aged five to 11 years. Those born in 2009 and earlier continue to be eligible.

Parental consent for all vaccinations for children 12 and under has always been required; however, with the COVID-19 vaccine being new we want to provide parents and guardians the opportunity to be present with the child to ensure any questions are fully addressed directly by healthcare professionals.

- **Parental accompaniment is now required for children aged five to 11 receiving COVID-19 vaccines whether administered in clinic, pharmacy or school settings in order to ensure parental consent and support for the child receiving that vaccine.** If a parent is not able to attend the vaccination, they may designate an adult to attend on their behalf by naming the individual on the consent form.
- Information about the Pfizer vaccine, after care following immunization and an electronic copy of the consent form are available on <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine>. The consent form should be signed by a parent or legal guardian and presented at the clinic.
- Additional information, including common questions as well as a French version of this package is also available on <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine>.

If you are unable to accompany your child to school-based clinics, there are more than 26,000 SHA clinic appointments available for this age group now, in addition to pharmacy options. We encourage all parents to get their child age five to 11 immunized against COVID-19. Please book your child's vaccination appointment at an [SHA clinic or with a participating pharmacy](#) today online or 1-833-SASK-VAX (727-5829).

The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary and children are at lower risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19; however, to minimize the spread of COVID-19 it is important to immunize as many eligible children safely and as quickly as possible. The COVID-19 immunization is a safe, effective way to help everyone stay healthy, prevent illness and save lives.

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