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Dear Families,

As you are hopefully aware, all New Yorkers ages 5 -11 can now receive a free Pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. This is great news for the health and safety of your child, your family, your school community, and the whole city.

In partnership with the New York City Health Department and NYC Health + Hospitals/ NYC Test & Trace Corps, some school sites – including your child’s – are now offering vaccinations to make it as easy as possible to stay safe. Please see the attached schedule to find out when the vaccine will be available at your child’s school. Please note that this vaccine opportunity is only for children ages 5 -11. No patients under 5 years of age or over 11 years of age may be seen.

**Getting your child vaccinated is safe, confidential, and easy.** Here’s what you need to know:

- You will **not** need to provide proof of immigration status or a social security number to get vaccinated. Identification is only required for proof of age.
- You do **not** need health insurance to get vaccinated.
- Students aged 5 to 11 must be accompanied to the vaccination site by a parent or guardian, or another adult caregiver designated by the parent or guardian. Consent must be provided.
- All records and information associated with vaccination are kept strictly confidential.
- Vaccines are administered by trained medical professionals.
- On-site telephone interpretation in multiple languages will be available

All sites will be able to administer both the first and second Pediatric Pfizer vaccination. While vaccination at these sites will be strictly for those who are ages 5-11, testing will be available for all patients 4 and above. Testing will be available to the public with PCR tests (results in ~48 hours) and rapid antigen tests (results in ~30 minutes).

While strongly recommended, vaccinations are not mandatory. However, citywide vaccination has already dramatically reduced COVID-19 positivity rates, helping to reopen the city, restore in-person gathering, and deliver a brighter future.

If have any questions, visit [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://nyc.gov/covidvaccine) for all the facts. We hope you will consider getting your child vaccinated soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Groll'.

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