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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 5- TO 11-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Children ages 5 to 11 can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Winnemucca.

The Office of the Community Health Nurse in Winnemucca is now offering the first of the two-dose series. Parents may call (775) 623-6575 to schedule an appointment Monday through Thursday. The office is located at 50 E. Haskell Street, Suite B.

Children will receive the Pfizer vaccine, which was approved for children ages 5 to 11 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) earlier this month.

Children will return for the second dose three weeks following their initial dose.

Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman, RN, said with daily uncertainty for many parents regarding the safety of their children, the authorization brings a big sigh of relief.

“This is a very positive step in our efforts to serve and protect our community,” she said.

Foreman’s office received the juvenile doses this week.

“After a thorough review of the safety and effectiveness data, the FDA and CDC have determined the vaccine is safe for this age group—at one-third the dose used for adolescents and adults,” she said.

Participating children will be considered fully vaccinated two weeks following their second dose.

Commonly reported side effects are similar to those seen in adults and other vaccines recommended for children.

Children may experience sore arm pain at the vaccination site. Tiredness, fever and headaches have also been reported. In clinical trials, side effects were generally mild to moderate in severity and occurred within two days after vaccination; most went away within one to two days.

The CDC recommends a dose of non-aspirin pain reliever or a cold compress at the injection site for those who experience side effects.

Children who receive the COVID-19 vaccine must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; there is no cost

for the vaccination.

Youth with COVID-like symptoms, or who are in quarantine, or who are currently awaiting COVID-19 test results should wait until they are clear of any COVID-related exclusions.

For more information about other vaccination opportunities in Humboldt County, please call the COVID-19 vaccine information line at (775) 375-3200, or email vaccine@humboldtcountynv.gov.

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