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Public Health Alert: COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 6 months through 5 years of age

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to include use in **children ages 6 months through 5 years of age**. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends the COVID-19 vaccines for all infants, children, and adolescents, ages 6 months of age and older.

The Pascua Yaqui Health Services Division will **only be administering the Moderna vaccine** at this time for children ages 6 months through 5 years of age.

Dose:

- **Moderna: 2-dose series taken 4 weeks apart. Each dose is 0.25 mL, which is one-quarter of the adult dose series.**
- Children will have the highest degree of protection two weeks after they get their last required dose.

Safety and Efficacy:

- The COVID-19 vaccines for this age group have been proven to be safe and effective. The vaccines for children ages 6 months and older are comprised of much smaller doses than the adult vaccines. Both vaccine regimens showed similar antibody response in kids as the adult studies. No significant safety concerns were raised in the clinical trials and we now know that millions of children over age 5 have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Importance of getting vaccinated:

- Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from COVID-19 and can prevent infection and transmission, especially in the first few months. Unfortunately, as the virus continues to mutate, this timeline can be shortened. The vaccines' primary purpose is to prevent severe disease and death.
- With more contagious variants of the virus, more young people are getting COVID-19 and being hospitalized. COVID-19 can cause otherwise healthy children to suffer multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), a potentially life-threatening condition causing inflammation of multiple vital organs. Some people have both short and long-term health complications from COVID-19. Vaccines reduce the risk of long-COVID-19.

Side Effects:

- Your child may have some side effects after vaccination, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. Side effects are usually mild and go away after a couple of days. Side effects may include temporary pain, redness, or swelling at injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea.

Vaccine Administration Location: The PYT Nursing Department (Specialty Clinic) will be administering the **Moderna vaccine** at the Pascua Yaqui Health & Social Services Family Center, 4567 W. Tetakusim Rd, Tucson, AZ 85746, beginning **Thursday, June 30, 2022 from 2:00pm-5:30pm.**

For any questions, please contact Pascua Yaqui Community Health Nursing at 520-879-6119 or Dr. Renteria may be available at: Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

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