



**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-2020524-00574-ALT (Health Alert)
RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Recommended for Children 5-11
years of Age

Dear Colleagues,

On May 17, 2022, the FDA expanded the eligibility for Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine boosters to include children 5 through 11 years of age; CDC followed suit on May 19, 2022.

Recommendations:

- All children 5-11 years of age should receive a single booster dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 5 months after completing the primary series.
- Children 5-11 years of age who have received a third dose in the primary series due to an immunocompromising condition should receive a single booster dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 months after completing third dose.

References:

- [At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/pdf/19-covid-19-at-a-glance.pdf)
- [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0519-covid-19-booster.html)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Expands Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose to Children 5 through 11 Years | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-expands-eligibility-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-booster-dose-children-5-through-11-years)
- [CDC Strengthens Recommendations and Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0519-covid-19-booster.html)

Regards,

Paul Byers, MD
State Epidemiologist

Alerting Message Specification Settings



Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: **MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)**
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20220524-00574-**ALT**
Program (HAN) Type: **Health Alert**
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00574
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

- Alert: Indicates an original Alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration:

Undetermined.

Urgency:

Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time:

Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).