Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

1. **Is the vaccine safe?**
   Yes, the vaccine is safe. The COVID-19 vaccine has gone through extensive clinical trials consisting of more than 3,000 children age 5 through 11 and has shown to have no serious side effects. It has also been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

2. **How effective is the vaccine?**
   Studies show the vaccine is 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 through 11.

3. **What dosage will my child receive?**
   The vaccine is a two-dose series taken three weeks apart. The dose given to 5- to 11-year-old children is one-third of the dose of the adolescent/adult vaccine.

4. **What are the possible side effects?**
   Children ages 12 through 15 given the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine had side effects like those experienced by people age 16 and older. The most reported side effects include:
   - Pain where the shot was given
   - Fatigue
   - Headache
   - Chills
   - Muscle pain
   - Fever
   - Joint pain
   Like adults, children have side effects that typically last 1 to 3 days.
   After your child is given a COVID-19 vaccine, he or she will be monitored for 15 to 30 minutes to see if he or she has an allergic reaction that requires treatment.

5. **What if my child has underlying issues or preexisting conditions?**
   It’s always best to talk with your child’s physician to ensure you can make an informed decision for your family.

Make a plan to get your children vaccinated. Find a vaccine location here: vaccines.gov.