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## MEDIA RELEASE

## Shawnee County Health Department to Begin Offering COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech Pediatric Vaccine Today by Appointment

**Topeka, Kan.** – Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee for Immunization Practice (ACIP) vote on November 2, 2021 to recommend the Pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for emergency use authorization the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) authorized all COVID-19 vaccine providers in Kansas to begin administering vaccine starting November 3, 2021 to children ages 5 to 11 following guidance received from the CDC.

Starting today, Thursday November 4, 2021 the Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) will begin offering the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine, in addition to other vaccines, at their Clinical Services Division, located at 2115 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, by appointment only. Individuals can call 785.251.5700 to schedule an appointment for the following hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday
8:00am - 11:00am	10:00am - 1:00pm	8:00am - 11:00am
1:00pm - 4:00pm	3:00pm - 6:00pm	2:00pm - 4:00pm

The SCHD continues to strongly encourage residents to protect themselves by getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Additional opportunities to receive a COVID-19 vaccine continue to exist in our community and can be found easily through the <u>CDC's Vaccine tool</u>.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and everyone entering the building over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask. If accommodations are needed due to a medical condition please call 785.251.5700.

Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines can be sent to <u>CovidVaccine@snco.us</u>.

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