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General information on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11

- <u>The Vermont Department of Health</u> has up-to-date information for Vermonters ages 5-11 who are now eligible for the vaccine
- Frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group
- Information changes frequently, so make sure to keep up with the <u>American Academy of</u> <u>Pediatrics</u> and <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> web pages for updates

Join a family forum with Vermont pediatricians

- The <u>American Academy of Pediatrics family forums</u> are focused on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 (please check the website for the most updated information)
- Informational videos from Dr. Andrea Green on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 in <u>multiple</u> <u>languages</u> and <u>American Sign Language</u>

Tips for supporting families during vaccinations

- Tips on creating a <u>more positive vaccine experience</u>, especially for children with special health needs, from the Vermont Family Network
 - Under the "resource tab" you can also find handouts for a <u>social story</u> and a template to help families <u>"make-a-plan"</u>

Schedule an appointment

- Links for general information on <u>vaccination appointments</u> or to help families <u>make an</u> <u>appointment online</u>
- Call the Health Department at 855-722-7878, Mon Fri 8:00 am 4:30 pm, Sat and Sun 10:00 am 3:00 pm
- Email questions to <u>AHS.VDHPublicCommunication@vermont.gov</u>

Resources on talking with families

- <u>Talking with families about vaccines</u> can be difficult, here are some resources to help:
 - CDC web page, including a section on <u>common myths</u> about the COVID-19 vaccine and how to dispel them
 - Video explaining to families <u>how the vaccine works</u>
 - A <u>video with the Sesame Street</u> characters talking to doctors about what a vaccine is, why they should get it, and what to do if they are feeling scared