



BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Dear Barron County School Districts,

Routine childhood vaccination rates have dropped dramatically during the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination rates have slowly increased in 2021, but many children and adolescents are still behind on their recommended immunizations. The drop in childhood vaccinations may raise the risk of other disease outbreaks when within the school systems. As we make our way through the 2021-2022 school year, please help remind parents of the necessity and importance of completing childhood vaccinations.

We have compiled a toolkit of materials to help you promote childhood vaccines, answer parent questions, and more. Additionally, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is available for children ages 5-11 and adolescents 12 and older. It can be given at the same time as other vaccines, so please recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for any qualifying child as they are getting caught up on other immunizations.

We ask that you please share this guidance with the families within your district. With our goal being to help remind and encourage keeping children up to date with vital childhood immunizations. Utilize this as a reminder for family's to contact their primary medical provider to schedule their well child checkups and complete necessary vaccinations.

Thank you for all you do to keep our community and children safe.

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