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The Center for Disease and Control (CDC) gives the final green light to give Pfizer vaccines to children between 5 and 11 years age as a continuous effort to vaccinate as many people who choose to be vaccinated. On Saturday, November 13, Sunset Health will host two COVID-19 vaccination drive-through events that will take place simultaneously from 8:00 am to 11:30 am in South County and North Yuma at the following locations:

Sunset in San Luis

815 East Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Sunset in North Yuma

675 South Avenue B

This COVID-19 vaccination event is among the most important events we have done since we know that COVID-19 cases in children also can result in hospitalizations, deaths, MIS-C (inflammatory syndromes) and long-term complications, such as "long COVID". The spread of the Delta variant resulted in a surge of COVID-19 cases in children throughout the summer. During a 6-week period in late June to mid-August, COVID-19 hospitalizations among children and adolescents increased fivefold. Vaccination, along with other preventative measures, can protect our children in Yuma children from COVID-19.

Both events are open to all children in the Yuma community between the age of 5 and 11 years. NO need to be a Sunset Health patient. Parents interested in having their children receive the vaccine must call to pre-register. This is a pre-registration event, so they can call 928.819.8999.

According to the CDC, it is the first vaccine against Covid-19 approved in the United States for this age group of children. The endorsement came just hours after a panel of the same center gave its approval and days after the Food and Drug Administration of the United States (FDA) did.

It is expected, according to CDC, that the vaccine will be available for up to 28 million children in the country where COVID has already killed 748 thousand people officially. Children are at the same risk as adults of contracting Covid-19 but with mild symptoms, CDC concludes. Children and adults have similar risks of being infected by Covid-19, but there is a "much higher" proportion of infected children who do not show symptoms of the coronavirus (asymptomatic), according to a report published in the journal "JAMA Pediatrics", of the American Medical Association. The study also revealed that if a family member contracts the coronavirus, the other members of the nucleus run a 52% risk of being infected.

The study was led by the CDC in collaboration with researchers from the Utah University of Health (United States), Columbia University, and the Marshfield Virology Laboratory.

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