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Ministry of Health & Wellness Encourages Vaccination of School Children

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The Ministry of Health & Wellness encourages parents and guardians to have their children vaccinated with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine before schools reopen.

Children are at a higher risk for communicable diseases including COVID-19, which is spread by respiratory droplets and touching contaminated surfaces. Vaccinating children will keep them safer.

Children vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine will have:

- a lower risk for infection by the virus
- a lower risk for severe illness and complications if infected with the virus
- a greater chance of staying in school and participating in group activities
- a greater chance of reducing the spread of COVID-19 to their peers and families

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged five to 11 years is available at all vaccination sites and no appointment is required.

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