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From the San Francisco Department of Public Health:

We've had a strong start with COVID-19 vaccinations for kids. More than half our 44,000 San Francisco children, ages 5-11, have been vaccinated with at least a first dose, and almost 40% are fully vaccinated. As anticipated, our uptake is slowing over time. We can see this in the numbers, as daily pediatric doses have noticeably dropped in recent weeks.

With the winter holiday break upon us and kids out of school, now is a good time to reach out to families again and urge them to bring their children in for this essential vaccine. We need every San Franciscan ages 5+ to get vaccinated now, both for their own safety and to avoid spreading the virus to vulnerable members of our community who may be at risk for severe disease and hospitalization.

The arrival of the fast-spreading Omicron variant makes our vaccination efforts more important than ever. SFDPH is coordinating a number of drop-in sites to make **vaccines especially easy for families to access over these next few weeks**. Additionally, this will be the ***last week*** of our popular four SFUSD school vaccination sites, and they are opening up to drop-ins too! See below for details. Please help spread the word!

Key points to share:

- Not only are COVID-19 vaccines essential for adults, they are essential for children too!
With the holidays upon us, now is a great time to fit in a COVID-19 vaccine for your child with plenty of time to rest. Don't wait any longer!
- Vaccines give kids the best defense against COVID-19, and prevent spread of the virus to our friends, family, neighbors and community.
- The vaccine is safe and effective in children. Kids 5-11 get one-third the dose of adults, and may experience a sore arm, fever or fatigue the same as adults. This is a sign the vaccine is working!
- COVID-19 vaccines are free to everyone, with or without health insurance and immigration status is never asked.
- Young people have been heroic throughout this pandemic. They have suffered stress and isolation. Now it is their turn to get vaccinated so they can safely return to all the things they need to learn and grow!
- Fully vaccinated children do not need to quarantine from school if they are considered a close contact!
- Drop in sites are opening up! Please double check the SFDPH website for any changes in holiday hours: sf.gov/getvaccinated

List of Drop-in Sites for Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccinations:

- Bayview: Southeast Health Center, 2401 Keith Street, Monday-Saturday, 9am-4:30pm, Thursdays open until 7pm
- Bayview: Malcolm X Academy School, 350 Harbor Road, Tuesday 2:30-6:30 *CLOSES PERMANENTLY ON DECEMBER 21*
- Bayview: 1800 Oakdale, Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30-3pm, additional holiday hours Dec. 21 and Dec. 27 until 5pm
- Excelsior: 20 Norton Street, Thursday and Saturday, 9:30am-3pm and Friday, 12pm-6pm
- Laurel Heights: UCSF, Laurel Heights, 3333 California Street, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- Mission: 24th Street and Capp Street, Saturday to Tuesday, 9am-3:45pm
- Mission/Potrero: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Learning Center, 1001 Potrero Avenue., Bldg 30, 2nd Floor, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- Mission Terrace: Balboa High School, 1000 Cayuga Street, Wednesday 2:30pm-6:30pm *CLOSES PERMANENTLY ON DECEMBER 22*
- Richmond: McCoppin Elementary School, 651 6th Avenue, Saturday 10am-2pm *CLOSES PERMANENTLY ON DECEMBER 18*
- Sunset: Sunset Elementary School, 1920 41st Street, Sunday 10am-2pm, *CLOSES PERMANENTLY ON DECEMBER 19*
- OMI: 446 Randolph Street, Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-2pm

Note: **Special Saturday, December 18, Pop-Up Vaccination Event at Marshall Elementary School, 1575 15th Street, 9am-12pm** Registration

Link: https://my.primary.health/r/ccsf_marshall elementary?registration_type=default