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Dear PIC Families,

It was a great relief for me when we achieved a 100% vaccination rate among our staff. While I was pleased to see that teachers and administrators were more protected at work and in their daily lives, the health and safety of PIC's children was and continues to be one of my primary concerns.

Last month, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children 5 through 11 years of age. I am thrilled to see that PIC's preK and After School children have this added layer of protection available to them as they learn and play together each day.

I am writing to all families to provide resources and information concerning the vaccine, and to support families of children ages 5 - 11 that may be experiencing some hesitancy to get their child(ren) vaccinated.

Vaccine Information:

- [FDA Authorizes Pfizer Vaccine for 5 - 11 year olds](#)
- [CDC recommends Pediatric Vaccines for 5 - 11 year olds](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccine Approval Statement](#)
- [CHOP COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#)
- [CDC Resources in Languages Other Than English](#)

Book an Appointment:

- [CHOP- Book a vaccine appointment \(5-11\)](#)
- [City of Phila COVID-19 Vaccine Sign-up](#)
- [CVS Vaccine Scheduler](#)
- [Rite Aid COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduler](#)
- [School District of Philadelphia Vaccine Events](#)
- [Walgreens Vaccine Scheduler](#)

I also encourage you to read the [thoughts and perspective of PIC parent and CHOP pediatrician Dr. Kaitlin Brandstadter](#) whose son in the Roadrunners has been vaccinated.

Here are a few things to note about PIC's protocols even if your child is vaccinated:

- **Unvaccinated children** experiencing COVID-like symptoms or who have been exposed to COVID-19 **must stay home from school and quarantine for 10 days after the exposure.**

- **Vaccinated children exposed to COVID-19 are NOT required to quarantine** unless displaying symptoms. Children without symptoms must obtain a COVID PCR test on day 5 after their exposure.
- **If your child develops a fever or exhibits other COVID-like symptoms (whether vaccinated or not)**, they must:
 - Get a negative COVID-19 PCR test or a rapid antigen test and meet the center's standard criteria for return after an illness (i.e. no fever for at least 24 hours) before returning to PIC.
 - In lieu of testing, you may also have a medical care provider evaluate your child and document an alternative diagnosis which does not require your child to stay home and your child meets the center's standard criteria for return after an illness (i.e. no fever for at least 24 hours).

[Refer to PIC's COVID handbook for more details.](#)

We know guidance and guidelines around COVID-19 will continue to change, and that we need to continue working together to keep our children, and the entire PIC Community safe.

As the winter months approach, I thank you for your continued partnership.



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