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Pfizer Approved for Ages 12 & Older

Livingston County, IL – On May 11, 2021 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart, the same dosage and dosing regimen for 16 years of age and older.

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is working closely with local schools and Boys & Girls Clubs of Livingston County to ensure families and eligible students are aware of Pfizer vaccination opportunities.

“This is certainly welcomed news,” said Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. “We recognize the importance of keeping students engaged in school and their extracurricular activities. Getting our eligible students vaccinated is the best way to keep them in the classroom and on the field.”

Once fully vaccinated, a person no longer is required to quarantine/isolate due to COVID-19 exposure, meaning no more missed work, school, or sports. Fully vaccinated individuals are at significantly less risk of serious illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19, as well as less likely to spread the virus among their family, friends, and communities. Additionally, more travel opportunities are afforded to those who choose to be vaccinated.

Upcoming Pfizer and J&J clinics at LCHD (310 E Torrance Ave, Pontiac, IL):

- Monday, May 17th from 3:30-5:30pm
- Saturday, June 5th from 7:00-11:00am

Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcome.

Moderna and J&J vaccines are also Monday & Friday mornings 7:00-9:00am and Monday afternoons 3:30-5:30pm at the LCHD. More information can be found on their website:

<https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>.

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