Town of Littleton, Littleton Public Schools Announce #TrustTheFacts COVID-19 Vaccination Bus to Return for Pediatric Clinic

LITTLETON — Town Administrator Anthony M. Ansaldi Jr. and Superintendent Kelly Clenchy announce that the state's #TrustTheFacts mobile COVID-19 vaccination bus team will return to Littleton later this month for a pediatric clinic.

The "Vax Bus" clinic will be held inside Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell St., on Monday, Nov. 29, from 4-8 p.m. Clinicians will dispense first and second pediatric doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 5-11, and booster shots for eligible adults.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration for those ages 5 and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is a two-dose regimen, with three weeks between first and second doses.

Vaccines are free. Identification is not required. Insurance is not required, though attendees are asked to bring their insurance cards to defray administrative costs.

Those seeking an appointment for the mobile vaccination bus are asked to register <u>here</u>. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child vaccinated also must present a signed consent form, found <u>here</u>.

The "Vax Bus" last visited Littleton on Monday, Nov. 8, delivering 300 booster shots and pediatric first doses.

"There was significant interest in vaccines for children in the community, and the response was overwhelming," Town Administrator Ansaldi said. "Parents are saying they are happy, and relieved, that we are providing these opportunities."

"As a school community we are doing everything we can to keep our children safe during the pandemic, and especially during the coming holiday season," Superintendent Clenchy said. "These vaccinations are a game-changer, because we have been able to reach almost half of our student population in that age group."

The Town and School Department also have scheduled clinics for children ages 5-11 on Monday, Dec. 20, and Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, in collaboration with VaxinateRx and Health Care Family Pharmacy. Registration for those clinics will be open at the end of the month.

The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> recommends booster shots for anyone who has received both doses in the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna regimen, or the single-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Fully vaccinated individuals may receive a booster shot of any vaccine. Regulators have not recommended any one vaccine over another as a booster.

For individuals age 18 and older, a single booster dose of COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or at least two months after completion of the single-dose primary Janssen vaccine.

Individuals can check if they are eligible for a booster by using the eligibility tool at mass.gov/BoosterCheck.

Those attending the Littleton clinics are asked to stay for 15 minutes after being vaccinated (30 minutes for anyone who has had a prior anaphylactic reaction to any medication).

Attendees at all clinics will be required to wear masks and maintain physical distance, in accordance with current Massachusetts guidelines regarding clinics.

The Town and School Department are providing answers to Frequently Asked Questions here. Residents with further questions may email the Town of Littleton at Covid19Info@littletonma.org.



The state's #TrustTheFacts mobile vaccination bus visited Littleton on Nov. 8 for a clinic primarily for children ages 5-11.