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PRESS RELEASE

Port Angeles, WA - Clallam County Public Health began offering COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged 6 months and older this week. Parents and guardians may make an appointment for their child by calling 360-417-2274.

Moderna vaccine will be available for children 6 months to 5 years old. Pfizer will be available to children 6 months to 18 years old (first, second, or booster dose).

“We recommend children get vaccinated against COVID-19 because it reduces their risk of severe disease if they catch the virus,” said Dr. Allison Berry, Health Officer for Clallam and Jefferson counties. “Severe disease in children is not common, however it can happen, especially if a child is unvaccinated.”

Side effects of the vaccine are rare among young children, according to clinical trial research. Side effects, if they did occur, were commonly a sore arm or low-grade fever. Those effects tended to get better within two days, on their own. (Any fever of 104 degrees or higher should be treated according to a doctor’s recommendations).

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations for children by visiting the Washington State Department of Health’s website [by clicking here](#).