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## COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS COVID-19 BIVALENT BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-11

*Health Commissioner Urges Families to Schedule a Flu Shot and COVID Booster Today*

(White Plains, NY) – The Westchester County Department of Health is offering Pfizer COVID-19 boosters for children ages 5-11 starting this Friday.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said “I encourage parents to schedule their children’s boosters as soon as possible. We anticipate an uptick in COVID-19 cases after Halloween and through the upcoming holidays, just as we experienced the past few years. These boosters will extend your family’s protection against serious COVID-19 symptoms and help you avoid exposing more vulnerable family and friends.”

Flu season is here, and families also can schedule flu vaccines at the same time at the Health Department Clinic in White Plains.

**The Westchester County Health Department will offer both the flu vaccine and pediatric COVID-19 bivalent boosters by [appointment](#), as follows:**

- **Fridays, Nov. 3 and 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at 134 Court Street, White Plains**
- **Thursday, Nov. 3, Yonkers Riverfront Library, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 134 Court Street, White Plains**
- **December Friday appointments will be added later, so please check back.**

Amler added: “Combining vaccines is safe and it is more convenient to schedule both at the same time. Children often receive multiple shots at once, and you are much less likely to skip a vaccine if both are given together. Vaccines for flu and COVID-19 offer the best protection we have to fight these diseases, so the sooner you get vaccinated, the better.”

Go to [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health) to book your vaccine visit.

In the U.S., flu activity is usually highest between December and February, but can last into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms. The vaccine becomes fully effective after about two weeks.

**About Westchester County**

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just over a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com)

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