

# News Release



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## **Yale New Haven Children's Hospital leads Connecticut's efforts to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 years old**

**New Haven, CT (Nov. 3, 2021)** – Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS) today announced they will begin vaccinating children ages 5 to 11 years old at sites across the state. All vaccinations are by appointment only and can be made now on MyChart, [online](#) or by calling 833-275-9644.

As one of the top Children's Hospitals in the nation, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital is partnering with the Children's Hospital Association's national campaign to ensure that children and families have access to evidence-based resources and safe, age-appropriate vaccination sites in their local communities. As part of this work, Thomas Murray, MD, head of Pediatric Infection Prevention, organized a Town Hall for more than 125 community pediatricians to walk through the COVID vaccination plan for 5-11 year olds, field many questions and receive valuable feedback. YNHCH will continue to serve as a resource for community providers to education on the distribution.

Selected by the State to lead the pediatric COVID Vaccination Enterprise, Yale New Haven Hospital will distribute Pfizer doses to pediatricians' offices around the state. The Connecticut Department of Health (DPH) has partnered in devising a distribution plan that allows providers to have access to smaller quantities of vaccine which in turn allows them to administer COVID vaccines to their patients. In addition, the YNHHS Pharmacy uses cold pack technology to ensure the temperature remains within range during the entirety of shipping to each provider. This was a key highlight and best practice identified by the CDC.

"We encourage families to get their children vaccinated at either their pediatrician's office or at one of our sites," said Cynthia Sparer, executive director Women's and Children's Services. Caregivers of all eligible patients can sign up for an appointment here: [www.ynhhs.org/covidvaccine](http://www.ynhhs.org/covidvaccine). Vaccinations will be administered starting Thursday, Nov. 4 at many of our locations. \_

- 226 Mill Hill Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06610
- Scranton Building, 200 Orchard St., New Haven, CT 06511
- NEMG Walk-In Care, 4A Devine St., North Haven, CT 06473

- NEMG Walk-In Care, 194 Howard St., New London, CT 06320
- Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd., Noble Conference Center, Greenwich, CT 06830

**Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS)**, the largest and most comprehensive healthcare system in Connecticut, is recognized for advanced clinical care, quality, service, cost effectiveness and commitment to improving the health status of the communities it serves. YNHHS includes five hospitals – Bridgeport, Greenwich, Lawrence + Memorial, Westerly and Yale New Haven hospitals, several specialty networks and Northeast Medical Group, a non-profit physician foundation with several hundred community-based and hospital-employed physicians. YNHHS is affiliated with Yale University and YSM's clinical physician practice, Yale Medicine, which is the largest academic multi-specialty practice in New England. YNHHS and Yale partner on clinical care, education and research, bringing the latest discoveries, technology and therapies to patients. [www.ynhhs.org](http://www.ynhhs.org).