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## Kanawha-Charleston Health Department to begin COVID-19 Vaccinations for Young Children June 27

**CHARLESTON, WV** –The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines to children under five years of age on Monday, health department officials announced today.

"This development is a godsend for parents who have been waiting to protect their young children from COVID and we are glad to be able to offer the vaccines at the health department," said Dr. Steven Eshenaur, Health Officer and Executive Director of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. "Parents bringing their children to the health department will be able to select either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine," he added.

The Pfizer vaccine for children ages six months to four years is given as a series of three shots. The first two shots are given three weeks apart. The third shot is given eight weeks after the second one.

Moderna's vaccine is approved for children ages six months to five years. It is a two-shot regimen and shots are given four weeks apart.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 108 Lee Street East, Charleston, WV. Vaccines and boosters are also available for older children and adults.

For more information on testing, vaccines, and all other public health services please visit <a href="https://www.kchdwv.org">www.kchdwv.org</a> or call the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department at (304) 348-8080.