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Children join superheroes in COVID-19 vaccine rollout

Young children aged 5 to 11 years old became superheroes today when they rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated for COVID-19 at South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre, at Macquarie Fields.

District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said 5 to 11 year-olds can now receive the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine before they start the 2022 school year.

“Parents and carers will have the added peace of mind that they are doing everything they can to keep their children safe,” Ms Larkin said.

“I encourage parents to vaccinate their children against COVID-19 because the vaccine remains our best defence against the virus and the Omicron variant.

“Vaccination can help to reduce the risk of community transmission and the chance of children passing the virus on to their younger siblings, grandparents and the wider community.”

Five to 11 year-olds will be able to receive two doses of the vaccine, given eight weeks apart. They will receive one third of the dosage that is given to people aged 12 years and over.

A specially decorated area has been set aside at the centre for child vaccinations. The space features superhero images and colourful balloons to help children feel comfortable and relax. Children will also receive ‘super brave’ stickers and certificates when they get vaccinated.

Parents and carers can book their 5 to 11 year-old’s vaccination via the [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder](#). The vaccine is also available at GP clinics and local pharmacies.

Booster doses are also available for eligible people, four months after they have received their second dose of the vaccine.

South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre opens seven days a week.