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Special Vaccine Superheroes Event on Monday, Dec. 20 at Monte Vista Middle School in Tracy

Stockton, CA (December 17, 2021) —San Joaquin Public Health Services (PHS) continues to help parents vaccinate children ages 5-11 against COVID-19 with the new *Vaccine Superheroes Initiative*—empowering children to be their own vaccine superheroes to help keep friends, family, and the community safe.

The next Vaccine Superheroes event – offering children’s superhero capes and masks – is Monday, Dec. 20 from 12 to 7 p.m. at Monte Vista Middle School, 751 W. Lowell, Room 1, in Tracy. PHS will be distributing capes to children who receive a vaccine at the event. *Supplies are limited, so families are encouraged to arrive early.*



All children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive the vaccine. Walk-ins are welcome or appointments can be scheduled by calling (844) 987-6115. While the focus of the event is on children 5-11 years old, anyone 18+ looking to receive Pfizer or Moderna first, second, or booster shots are invited too. Please note: Second doses of Pfizer or Moderna will be given on Jan. 10 at the same time of 12 to 7 p.m.

This event is a joint effort between PHS, Sutter Gould Medical Foundation, and Tracy Unified School District. Central Valley Congressman Josh Harder will also be in attendance, to support the event from 2-3 p.m.

“With the launch of the *Vaccine Superheroes Initiative*, we hope to make COVID-19 vaccinations easier and fun for children and their parents,” said Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer. “There are over 76,000 children between 5 and 11 years old in the county who are eligible for the pediatric dose. These superhero capes should add a bit of inspiration to these kids leading the way.”

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The pediatric COVID-19 vaccine, which is one-third the dosage given to teens and adults, is packaged in different vials than the adult version. Like with adults, children ages 5-11 still must get two shots at least three weeks apart to get the maximum protection from the vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be the best chance to avoid serious illness and hospitalization for all age groups. Vaccine appointments are available for anyone ages 5 and older. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccination and testing events happening locally at www.sjready.org or check more locations and schedule appointments at myturn.ca.gov.

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