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## Press Release

Macon County Public Health Hosts Special Vaccine Event for 16 and 17 Year Olds in Macon County

With the help of regional partners, Macon County Public Health will be hosting a special vaccine event April 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide Pfizer vaccine to those who are sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years old. Currently, Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for use for individuals as young as 16 years of age. In addition to the benefits of vaccination, the ability to vaccinate school age children will help to reduce the number of quarantines and allow students, once fully vaccinated, to remain face-to-face for instruction regardless of exposure.

A legal guardian of the student must be present for those under the age of eighteen (18) to receive the vaccination. Those who wish to schedule an appointment for April 23<sup>rd</sup> must call Macon County's Call Center at 828-524-1500 no later than 5pm on April 21<sup>st</sup> to ensure enough vaccine is on hand.

All other individuals 18 years old and older who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccine can call Macon County's Vaccine Call Center at 828-524-1500 to register and schedule an appointment at another time. Appointments are readily available with no waitlist. The Macon County Vaccine Call Center is open Monday – Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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