

Pfizer Ineffective Against 5-11 Year Olds

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Prominent /'prämənənt/ (adjective) elevated or made higher
Example: Her reputation abroad shone as brightly as her local one as she became increasingly prominent as an international doctor.
2. Decline /də'klīn/ (verb) became smaller, fewer.
Example: The animal's numbers are declining rapidly.
3. Attribute /ə'tri,bjoot/ (verb) regard something as being caused by (someone or something).
Example: He attributes his success to his coach.
4. Outcome /'out,kəm/ (noun) the way a thing turns out; a consequence.
Example: The outcome of their discussion is still unknown.
5. Highlight /'hī,līt/ (verb) to attract attention to or emphasize something important:
Example: The speech highlighted the problems we face.



New York health officials have released a study that shows coronavirus vaccines by pharmaceutical firm Pfizer quickly lose their ability to prevent infections in children aged five to 11.

The report shows that the vaccine's protection against infection among children aged 12 to 17 fell to 51 percent in late January from 66 percent in mid-December, when the Omicron variant became **prominent**.

Researchers say the **decline** among younger children may be **attributed** to the fact that they only receive one-third the dose of children aged 12 and older.

Although the **outcomes** have yet to be verified by a third party, experts say they **highlight** a potential need to study alternative dosing for children as well as booster shots. (NHK)

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts about children being vaccinated?
2. Do you think the vaccines are really effective in protecting against Covid 19?
3. What should parents do to protect their kids who haven't been vaccinated yet?
4. What do you do to keep yourself safe from the current pandemic?
5. When do you think the pandemic will be over?