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## McHenry County Department of Health

### Memo

To: McHenry County Pediatric Providers

From: Rachel Mintle, MPH  
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Re: **COVID-19 Vaccine**

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The FDA has recently approved Pfizer for individuals over age 16, an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) continues to be in place for the 12-15-year-old population. In anticipation of an EUA for children under 12 years of age, the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is reaching out to pediatric providers asking for their support in administering the vaccine.

As a trusted healthcare provider, parents and families continue to look to their pediatricians for accurate information on the COVID-19 vaccine for their children. MCDH is relying on providers to continue to encourage and talk with families about the benefits of receiving the vaccine, but also to offer the vaccine in their practice. This pandemic continues to require a collaborative effort in reducing transmission and preventing serious illness. Your partnership is essential in ensuring residents of McHenry County get vaccinated.

Attached to this memo you will find a letter from the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics with a call to action for all pediatric providers with instructions on how to get the COVID vaccine in your practice.

If your practice has questions or concerns about administering the COVID-19 vaccine, please reach out to MCDH via email for assistance ([vaccine@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:vaccine@mchenrycountyil.gov)).

We appreciate your partnership to keep our community safe and healthy.

