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Attachments: [Providers Serving Youth Ages 12+ FAQs for Administering Pfizer Vaccine 5.26.21.pdf](#)

---This message is sent to you on behalf of MDAAP President Debbie Badawi, MD, FAAP---

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Dear MDAAP Colleagues,

I know we were all happy to hear of the Emergency Use Authorization allowing the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to be administered to children 12 years of age and older. The MDAAP Executive Committee and Pediatric Council Co-Chairs have been working closely with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to determine how best to distribute the vaccine. So far, mass vaccination sites have provided at least 1 dose of vaccine to 34% of 12 to 18 year olds.

Distributing vaccine to private practices has been challenging due to the size of the shipments and cold chain requirements., however the vaccine is now available in boxes of 450 doses and can be kept refrigerated for 4 weeks. The mass vaccination effort may have decreased demand among families most eager to be vaccinated, however we still have a long way to go! We also want to be prepared to vaccinate even younger children, since parents may be more reluctant to take them to larger sites. The MDH is reaching out to practices who responded to their survey to ship vaccine directly to them. For many smaller practices, and those unsure of uptake of the vaccine by families, a hub and spoke model makes more sense.

If you would like to become a COVID vaccine provider, you must obtain a COVID PIN. Directions for obtaining a PIN can be found in the attached MDH document "Providers Serving Youth Ages 12+: Administering Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine - FAQs." Once you have a PIN, the next step is to determine how much vaccine you believe you can use. If you will not need a 450 dose box, you can contact your local health department or a hospital near you to find out if you could obtain a smaller number of doses from them.

Even if you do not want to be a COVID vaccine provider, there are several actions you can take to promote this effort:

Call to Action

Every practice, ***whether a vaccination site or not***, can do the following to reach unvaccinated patients:

1. Use the CRISP Vaccine Tracker to identify your practice's MDPCP beneficiaries who are still unvaccinated. Access the Vaccine Tracker at <https://vacctrac.crisphealth.org/>
2. Sort your practice's unvaccinated patients by provider
3. Conduct direct outreach from provider to discuss why and how to get

vaccinated

1. Use the [Covid-19 Vaccine Communication and Outreach Strategies in Primary Care](#) as a guide in your outreach.
2. If your practice is not a vaccinating site, use the [Maryland Covid-19 Vaccination Site Locator](#) to find a vaccination site near your patients

Thank you for all you do for the children and families of Maryland. Please contact Loretta, Monique (soileauburke@yahoo.com) or I with questions or concerns.

Regards,



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