



Dear CareMount Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for trusting your child's care to CareMount Pediatrics and Family Medicine. We pride ourselves in delivering immunizations according to recommendations approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **We are pleased to be able to offer children 5 years of age and older access to COVID-19 booster vaccination using the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.** This vaccine was previously authorized for booster administration in individuals ages 12 and older, and trials now show booster vaccines to be safe and effective in children ages 5 and older. The booster vaccine is recommended 5 months after completion of the initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

The approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech booster vaccine allows for a younger population to be protected from COVID-19, bringing us closer to returning to a sense of normalcy and to ending the pandemic. We appreciate that COVID-19 disruptions have caused a significant amount of stress for you, your family, and children. Our youngest generations have shouldered heavy burdens over the past two years, and the booster vaccine is a hopeful sign that they will be able to continue to experience all the activities that are so important for their health and development. We welcome your questions and partnering with you to discuss how we can work together to maximize your child's health.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Brodsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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