



Dear CareMount Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for trusting your child's care to CareMount Pediatrics and Family Medicine. **Today we're pleased to share the good news that we are able to offer the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to babies and children 6 months of age and older for the prevention of COVID-19.**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for each vaccine after consulting with its independent Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee which voted in support of the authorizations. The FDA determined that in the expanded pediatric populations now authorized to receive these COVID-19 vaccines, the known and potential benefits outweigh the known and potential risks.

- **The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine EUA** now includes its use in individuals 6 months through 17 years of age. Previously, the vaccine had been authorized for use in adults 18 years of age and older.
- **The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA** now includes its use in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age. Previously the vaccine had been authorized for use in individuals 5 years of age and older.

We pride ourselves in delivering immunizations as authorized by the FDA, and according to recommendations approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

We recognize that disruption caused by COVID-19 placed significant stress on you and your family. Children in particular have shouldered heavy burdens over the past two years with many missing out on the experiences and activities that are so important for their emotional health and development.

Availability of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines for babies and young children is good for them and for all us because the greater number of people protected against COVID-19 brings us closer to returning to a sense of normalcy and, hopefully, an end to the pandemic. 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 be "Jill Brodsky", written in a cursive style.

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