COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5

On 6/15/22, the FDA VRBPAC voted unanimously 21 YES - 0 NO to recommend authorization of both the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 2-dose primary series for children 6 months - 5 years (25 ug) and the Pfizer 3-dose series for children 6 months - 4 years (3 ug) under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). See VRBPAC agenda and slides.

- **Moderna <6**: “Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the benefits of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine when administered as a 2-dose series (25 ug each dose) outweigh its risks for use in infants and children 6 months through 5 years of age.”

- **Pfizer<5**: “Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine when administered as a 3-dose series (3 ug each dose) outweigh its risks for use in infants and children 6 months through 4 years of age.”
Next Steps

- The **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)** will meet on June 17 & 18 to review VRBPAC meeting outcomes and vote on recommendations on Saturday 6/18
  - CDC Director will issue a formal recommendation (or not) based on ACIP meeting outcomes

- Vaccine pre-orders were placed last week by providers, hospitals, District Offices and EMS crews. Vaccine will ship upon approval for delivery no earlier than the week of June 20

- Vaccine should be widely available by the end of June/early July
Where children < 5 can get the Covid-19 vaccine

- Primary care providers will be the primary delivery source of vaccine to this age group.
- WIC enrolled families can get vaccinated at their WIC office.
- Health equity clinics will offer this vaccine and is being promoted by community partners that serve and support Vermonters that are disproportionately impacted by Covid.
- Some pharmacies will also carry this vaccine, but can only vaccinate children 3+
Communication Toolkit

- Many Social Media, Newsletter, and E-mail templates to help communicate your planning around this vaccine.
- Can be tailored to your specific practice planning.
- Toolkit will continue to have new content added to it in the coming weeks.
- Childcare providers are a trusted source of information for families – feel free to use this toolkit!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15yAuB2a2PclUbCLx-tSTaWmSPPqA88kR?usp=sharing

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