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Dear Pediatric and Family Health Care Partners,

The Immunization Program anticipates the long-awaited approval of a COVID-19 vaccine for those six months to 5 years in the coming weeks. [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer](#) are in the final stages of the regulatory process, with VRBPAC meetings scheduled on [June 14 -15](#) to discuss amending the EUA for both products.

We expect that practices will be able to order this vaccine for prepositioning the week of June 6, with a delivery date of the week of June 20. Based on information shared from the CDC, we are confident that ample stock will be available to serve the approximately 26,000 Vermont children who will become eligible. **More ordering guidance will come from our program next week.** We are still waiting for specifics around vaccine efficacy, administration, and management, and the Immunization Program will make training materials available after EUA approval.

After two very challenging years, we understand how busy medical homes are. As [previously communicated](#), this population will look to their trusted primary care doctors for pediatric vaccine access, and community clinics and pharmacy availability will be much more limited than it has been for other age groups. There is no expectation for primary care to hold vaccination clinics after approval comes, though our program is available to provide support if this is what you wish to do. Providing vaccinations to patients during regular office visits or developing a smaller “mini-clinic” model is acceptable and encouraged.

The Immunization Program asks that your office develop a plan in line with your unique capacity to serve patients and manage incoming requests once vaccine approval comes. To assist in setting reasonable expectations around the availability of this vaccine, we ask that you please communicate your plan to patients through your website, direct emails or text messages, or postings within your waiting room.

The Vermont Department of Health has developed a [Communication Toolkit](#) we hope you find helpful in this effort.

The [Communication Toolkit](#) is available through Google Drive and will be updated with more resources in the coming days. Your practice can tailor the included message to your planning before sending it to patients.

Knowing that the vaccine is on its way, there is time to plan mitigation strategies for the initial vaccine demand your offices may experience. This is an opportunity previous vaccine rollouts did not afford us, and we encourage you to make the most of this time.

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Acronyms:

ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

CDC: Centers for Disease Control

PCP: Primary Care Provider

VIMS: Vaccine Inventory Management System

VVP: Vermont Vaccine Program – includes both VAVP and VCVF

VAVP: Vermont Adult Vaccine Program

VCVP: Vermont Children's Vaccine Program

VRBPAC: Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee



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