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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the FDA and the CDC's authorization of COVID-19 vaccinations for children from 6 months to 5 years old, we'd like to provide you with current information and resources on vaccination. **We encourage you to have your child vaccinated** to protect them, your family, and the community.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to be safe and effective against infection, serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

Please speak to your child's doctor about their plans to administer the vaccine once it is made available and raise any questions or concerns you have about the vaccine and your child.

Families may feel most comfortable getting their youngest children vaccinated by their primary care provider, but retail pharmacies are also able to vaccinate children aged 3 and above. More information, including safety information and helpful questions and answers, is available at www.mass.gov/covidvaccinekids.

As a reminder, **the COVID vaccine is free for all and no ID or insurance is needed to be vaccinated.**

Getting your family vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones. We appreciate your help to keep our community safe and healthy.

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