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REVISED STATEMENT (2/16/22)
NYS American Academy of Pediatrics
Supports COVID Immunization of All Eligible Children
Recommendations and Requirements

The New York State American Academy of Pediatrics (NYS AAP), a professional organization representing over 5,000 pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults, unequivocally supports the requirement that all children attending school, pre-school, childcare and after-school activities be immunized against SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with FDA approval of the age appropriate vaccines.

Furthermore, we recommend immunization of all eligible children in accordance with the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) until full FDA approval has been granted for all age groups. The NYS AAP is focused on improving the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of all children. This includes efforts to enable the children of New York State to return to the classroom and other activities with the utmost degree of safety and protection from possible avenues of spread of the virus which causes COVID-19 illness.

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics have stated that, ultimately, control of the pandemic depends on widely accepted vaccination of all eligible individuals. The FDA and ACIP have given full approval and standard recommendation (with limited exceptions) for vaccination of all individuals aged 12 years and over with the appropriate vaccines, and approval under an EUA for children aged 5-11 years old. When EUA approval is granted for the youngest children, we recommend universal immunization efforts and strong public education messaging to encourage parents to get their infants and toddlers immunized.