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PRESS RELEASE

**New York State American Academy of Pediatrics
Releases Statement on Recommendations and Requirements
for COVID-19 Immunization of All Children**

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The NYS AAP, a coalition of AAP NY Chapters 1, 2 & 3, released its position statement on protecting children from COVID-19 today:

<http://www.nysaap.org/pdf/NYSAAPStatementCOVIDImmunizationOct21.pdf>

The NYS AAP recommends universal immunization for all children covered by EUAs (Emergency Use Authorization) from the FDA. The NYS AAP recommends that all children in age cohorts covered by full approval of COVID-19 vaccines by the FDA be required to be vaccinated to attend public and private school in New York State.

Dr. Warren Seigel, Chair of the NYS AAP said, "It is imperative that we take steps now to protect as many children as we can against COVID-19 infection. As the CDC and FDA continue to test and approve immunization for younger children, we have an obligation to get the vaccine to those children to protect them from infection and severe illness."

As New York continues to be challenged by COVID-19 infection rates, the number of children who can and must be vaccinated continues to grow as the vaccine approval process moves forward to cover children ages 5-11. Once that approval for EUA is in place, New York's pediatricians are ready and able to vaccinate as many children as parents agree to bring into the offices across the state.

Right now, we are encouraging more and more families to get their children 12 and up vaccinated. We have an obligation to protect all New Yorkers who are eligible for COVID-19 immunization against infection.

We have several pediatricians across the state who are willing and able to discuss our Statement with electronic and print media.