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Dear Illinois Department of Public Health Vaccines for Children Provider and Friends,

As you are aware, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. But with the availability of multiple COVID-19 vaccines and clinical trials including children underway, it has become increasingly important for pediatric providers to stay connected to efforts for promotion of these COVID-19 vaccines, so that families can be prepared once vaccines become available to them. In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) has enclosed a set of materials that we think will be helpful in talking to patients and parents about COVID-19 vaccines. As you know, partners from around the state are working hard to prepare the public to accept one of the COVID-19 vaccines, once available, while remaining vigilant with other public health measures to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and its variants. ICAAP will continue to update content as more information becomes available. Please be sure to check our website (<https://illinoisAAP.org>) for resources and links to AAP, CDC and IDPH where you can find information on how, when, and where to access the vaccines. Also, please start back to school physicals earlier this year so that if COVID vaccines become available for students < 16 years, there is no conflict with other recently administered vaccines. And remember to conduct patient recalls to ensure children and youth get caught up with their immunizations.

We have included the following print materials in this mailer for use in your practices:

- [2021 ACIP Schedule](#)
- [ACIP Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (December 2020)
- [AAP Periodicity Schedule](#) (updated March 2021)
- [AAP Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination in Children and Adolescents](#) (3/3/21)
- [Protect Your Family and Others: ICAAP Posters in English and Spanish](#)
- [I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine Stickers](#) (from CDC)

We are hopeful that these materials will provide you with the resources and knowledge to talk to parents and patients about the importance of immunizations and the COVID-19 vaccines. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact ICAAP's immunizations staff member Kathy Sanabria at ksanabria@illinoisAAP.com.

Sincerely,

Mary Dobbins, MD, FAAP, President, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Dobbins MD".

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