



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

May 4, 2021

RE: MDH Adolescent COVID-19 Vaccination Survey

Dear Colleague:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is seeking to engage medical practices that serve children to determine interest in administering the COVID-19 vaccine to their adolescent patients 12 to 17 years of age. Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine product with approved Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) status from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for individuals under 18 (can be administered to 16 and 17 year olds).

Pfizer has already submitted their EUA application to the FDA to authorize vaccine administration for individuals 12 to 15 years of age. In anticipation of the FDA approving the Pfizer vaccine EUA for younger ages, MDH is surveying medical practices across Maryland to gather general practice information and to assess the vaccine needs of their adolescent patients, the capacity of practices to store the Pfizer vaccine product, and the status of practices registering in ImmuNet to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider.

While we do not have an exact date for FDA approval, MDH wants to register interested practices as COVID providers in the meantime. Once the announcement is made then, MDH will be able to allocate doses to practices shortly, if not immediately, thereafter.

Please complete this brief assessment to help with planning and coordination:

<https://forms.gle/gMJSLdubBzbg8Dr38>. We estimate that this will take about 15 minutes to complete. We ask that you submit the assessment no later than **Friday, May 7th**.

As we attempt to reach as many practices as possible, you may receive this assessment from multiple sources. As an individual, you will only be able to submit a survey once. *Due to questions surrounding general medical practice logistics, you may need to consult with the Chief Medical Officer or your Practice Manager in order to answer some of the questions.*

We thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jinlene Chan" with a stylized flourish underneath.

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