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Dear Vaccination Partner:

The U.S. FDA has expanded its Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer vaccine to include [adolescents ages 12 to 15](#). The next step is for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to make recommendations, which are expected late Wednesday. **If the recommendations are favorable, eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine in Indiana will open to anyone 12 and older starting at 8 a.m. Thursday.**

Please note that just as with other routine immunizations, consent will be given by the parent or guardian at registration, so providers do not need proof of the child's age to confirm eligibility. An adult must accompany a 12- to 15-year-old to his or her vaccination appointment.

As we prepare for this expansion, Indiana is also transitioning from a primarily mass vaccination model to including point-of-care vaccination as we adjust to changes in demand. We'd like to take a moment to inform you that our priority is to vaccinate as many individuals as possible. It is expected that there will be times when several doses from a vial are wasted in order to vaccinate a few individuals. Wastage should be avoided if possible, but please administer to anyone who wants the vaccine.

Visit ourshot.in.gov for more information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lindsay Weaver'.

Lindsay Weaver, MD, FACEP
Chief Medical Officer

To **promote**, **protect**, and **improve** the health and safety of all Hoosiers.