Dear Colleagues,

On May 17, 2022, the FDA expanded the eligibility for Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine boosters to include children 5 through 11 years of age; CDC followed suit on May 19, 2022.

Recommendations:
- All children 5-11 years of age should receive a single booster dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 5 months after completing the primary series.
- Children 5-11 years of age who have received a third dose in the primary series due to an immunocompromising condition should receive a single booster dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 months after completing third dose.

References:
- At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules (cdc.gov)
- Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Expands Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose to Children 5 through 11 Years | FDA
- CDC Strengthens Recommendations and Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC

Regards,

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**Originating Agency:** Mississippi State Department of Health  
**Alerting Program:** MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)  
**Message Identifier:** MSHAN-20220524-00574-ALT  
**Program (HAN) Type:** Health Alert  
**Status (Type):** Actual ()  
**Message Type:** Alert  
**Reference:** MSHAN-00574  
**Severity:** Unknown  
**Acknowledgement:** No  
**Sensitive:** Not Sensitive  
**Message Expiration:** Undetermined  
**Urgency:** Undetermined  
**Delivery Time:** 600 minutes

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**Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings**

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<th>Originating Agency:</th>
<th>A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.</th>
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<td>Alerting Program:</td>
<td>The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.</td>
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<td>Message Identifier:</td>
<td>A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (ALT=Health Alert, ADV=Health Advisory, UPD=Health Update, MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service)).</td>
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<td>Program (HAN) Type:</td>
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<td>Health Alert:</td>
<td>Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.</td>
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<td>Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.</td>
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<td>Health Info Service:</td>
<td>Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.</td>
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| Status (Type):      | Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event  
|                     | Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert  
|                     | Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded |
| Message Type:       | Alert: Indicates an original Alert  
|                     | Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded  
|                     | Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled  
|                     | Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted |

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Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:
- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
- Severe: Significant threat to life or property
- Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
- Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
- Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:
- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
- Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).