



Capital Area Pediatrics is excited to hear that the FDA has expanded the authorization of Pfizer's COVID vaccine for persons ages 12-15 years. We anticipate the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will recommend the use of the vaccine in this age group this week.

Based upon data released so far, we believe the COVID vaccine is safe, effective, and well tolerated. We also believe that it is one of the best ways that our patients can protect themselves and their families from getting sick with COVID. It will allow us to look forward to the future with the hope that we can safely return to the things we love to do.

Capital Area Pediatrics has recently been approved as a COVID vaccine distribution site and is in the process of obtaining the vaccine and setting up the clinics. We plan to scale up our clinics in June 2021. Due to the complexity of ordering vials, storage and administration requirements, we know that we will not be able to offer mass vaccination clinics. Once our clinics are full, we encourage you to sign up on our waiting list, as we hope to continue to increase access to the vaccine.

While we look forward to launching COVID vaccination clinics at CAP, we encourage you to get your child's vaccine when they are eligible at any location in your community.

As a reminder, current recommendations are to administer COVID vaccine by itself and not within 2 weeks of any other vaccine. Accordingly, we do not plan on administering COVID vaccine during a routine well visit. Please let us know if you have received or plan to receive the COVID vaccine at any upcoming well visit.