LUZERNE COUNTY HEAD START INC.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Promoting the health and safety of our children is our mission. We want to inform you that the COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children 6 months to 5 years of age. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months and older and a booster for children 5 years and older, if eligible.

Vaccination is the leading public health strategy for minimizing transmission and preventing severe illness from COVID-19. Children receive other routine childhood vaccinations that have led to major improvements in children's health. The COVID-19 vaccination is one more way to help children to thrive.

We encourage you to consult with your child's medical provider when making this important decision regarding your child's health. The vaccination is available at your primary care provider's office, clinics and pharmacies.

6 Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children, https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children/6-things-to-know.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Fplanning%2Fchildren%2F10-things-to-know.html:

- COVID-19 vaccination for children is safe.
- Getting vaccinated can help protect children against COVID-19.
- Children may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination.
- Children receive a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine than teens and adults.
- Children who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated.
- Children can safely receive other vaccines the same day they receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Why should children 6 months and older get vaccinated against COVID-19?

Children who get COVID-19 can get very sick, can require treatment in a hospital, and in rare situations, can even die. After getting COVID-19, children and teens can also experience a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems. Getting eligible children vaccinated can help prevent them from getting really sick even if they do get infected and help prevent serious short- and long-term complications of COVID-19.

Vaccinating children can also give parents greater confidence in their children participating in childcare, school, and other activities.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer, more reliable way to build protection than getting sick with COVID-19.