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Dear Parents,

The CDC and FDA have authorized the COVID-19 vaccine for children as young as 6 months old. This is a significant leap forward in our ability to control the presence and spread of the virus in our centers and the community. CentroNia recognizes the urgent need for children, especially those under 5 years old, to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as it will reduce the risk and severity of the illness, and minimize disruptions to classroom operations.

Due to current low supply of the pediatric vaccine, DC Health is limiting the doses to the District’s COVID centers and pediatricians’ offices, while Montgomery and Prince George’s counties are limiting the vaccine to health centers, doctor’s offices, pharmacies, and select locations only. Once supply increases in the coming weeks, it will be made available for pop-up vaccination sessions at CentroNia and other locations throughout DC and Montgomery/PG counties. In the meantime, please review the following links for more information on how to locate pediatric COVID-19 vaccines and schedule appointments:

Maryland: [https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator)

We urge families to get their children vaccinated and continue practicing simple health and hygiene measures in and out of the Center to mitigate the risk of contracting and spreading the virus at CentroNia.

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