

WisDHS: Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake's statement on CDC's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine recommendations and expansion to children under age 5

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"The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is pleased to see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation that children 6 months through 5 years be vaccinated against COVID-19. This recommendation follows authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This is a milestone in the fight against COVID-19, allowing everyone 6 months and older to be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

To parents and guardians who have been eagerly awaiting this news: as soon as CDC releases updated clinical guidance, we will review and update our vaccination guidance accordingly. Providers will then have the information they need to vaccinate children in this age group and parents can make plans for their children to get vaccinated. The vaccines are expected to arrive in Wisconsin early next week.

We strongly recommend children 6 months and older get vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect them from the potentially severe consequences of COVID-19 and help reduce the risk of spreading the illness to others. As of June 2022, more than 123,000 Wisconsin children 5 and older have completed their initial series. This new recommendation will make COVID-19 vaccines available to nearly 295,000 additional Wisconsin children."