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Dear Resource Parent(s),

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has previously issued guidance and notification regarding the requirement for resource caregivers to receive approval from DCF's Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) **prior** to scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination for youth ages 12 or older. This letter is to notify you that DCF is now updating this requirement guidance to include COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11, in response to the US Food and Drug Administration's recent determination to expand the emergency use of Pfizer-BioNTech for this population.

As a reminder, if any minor youth in CP&P care and custody requests to obtain the COVID-19, CP&P will attempt to obtain consent from the youth's parent(s) or, potentially notice the court and all counsel to obtain the necessary approvals.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out to your resource worker or CP&P local office staff. (Note: Information regarding child and adolescent immunizations is outlined in the following DCP&P policies: Policy and Procedures Manual, VA1 § 1400 and Policy and Procedures Manual, IIC9 § 100.)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmen Diaz-Petti, LCSW".

Carmen Diaz-Petti, LCSW
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