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Re: COVID-19 Vaccines for Vermont Students Age 12 and above

Dear Vermont parents:

As the school year draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the extraordinary efforts you have made to keep your children, families and schools safe over this past year. Your diligence with masking, social distancing and following Vermont's guidelines to prevent COVID-19 transmission paved the way for us to return to a more active and enjoyable summer – with plans to begin the next school year in a way that will feel more normal and familiar to most students.

Vaccination is another important step to getting us out of the COVID-19 pandemic and closer to normalcy. Many of you have already had your children vaccinated or have an appointment to do so in the very near future. Your efforts have led to some of the best adolescent vaccination rates in the nation, with 52% of Vermont's 12- to 15-year-olds and 66% of 16- to 17-year-olds already vaccinated. Getting adolescents vaccinated means a faster return to social activities and can give parents and caregivers peace of mind, knowing that your loved ones are protected.

Understandably, some parents want more information before their children receive a vaccine. The vaccines are safe and effective, and we encourage parents with questions to talk with your child's health care provider or your family doctor to learn more about the vaccine.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is faster and more convenient than ever, with clinics and pharmacies all over the state providing vaccines without an appointment every day. For more information and to find a vaccine clinic near you, please visit [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](http://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine).

We are there for you when you are ready to get your shot.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Levine".

Mark Levine, M.D.  
Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan French".

Daniel M. French, Ed.D.  
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