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INFANTS AND CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS AND OLDER NOW ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINE

Santa Cruz County, Calif.: Children under 5 years of age are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Committee and the California Department of Public Health have approved both Pfizer's three-shot series for 6 months through 4 years of age and Moderna's two-shot series for ages 6 months through 5 years of age.

"Though children in this age group make up a small portion of overall COVID cases, they often have more serious complications, hospitalizations and more long-term issues," Dr. Cal Gordon, Deputy Health Officer of Santa Cruz County and pediatrician said. "The availability of COVID-19 vaccine for this age group is the missing piece of protection we've been waiting for."

Parents should see their child's primary care provider to get them vaccinated for COVID-19 and to also get caught up with any other vaccinations that may have been missed during the pandemic. If your child doesn't have a primary care provider or health insurance, Medi-Cal provides health care services to low-income individuals including families with children. Find out if your child is eligible by visiting www.MyBenefitsCalWIN.org or calling 888-421-8080.

For local information go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus or call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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