**Sample Letter (Ages 6 months+ COVID Vaccine)**

**Expanded ages for COVID-19 vaccine**

[Insert date]

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In Washington State, children ages 6 months and older can now get vaccinated against COVID-19. The federal government approved Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for use in children 6 months and older on June 17, 2022. This means you can schedule your children who are 6 months and older for COVID-19 vaccination.

The Department of Health and the [school/school district] recommend eligible children get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible so they can return to normal activities such as in-person learning, sports, and visiting friends.

Parents/guardians can look for eligible vaccine appointments for their children by going on <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/> and searching for vaccine locations in their area. Here are a few important notes:

* Children 6 months and older can get the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine series.
* Follow the vaccination site rules for protecting yourself and others.
* In most cases, children can receive other required vaccines the same day as their COVID-19 vaccination. This supports families who need to catch up on immunizations for the next school year.

To prepare for the next school year, we encourage parents to schedule wellness visits with their health care provider early. Check what vaccines your child may be missing at <https://myirmobile.com/>.

Like adults, children may experience some common side effects for 1 to 3 days after vaccination, including sore arm, tiredness, or headache. If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccination, we suggest talking with your health care provider.

Sincerely,