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The intent of this correspondence is to provide updated guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccination for children. Studies continue to show that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for children. The Pfizer BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine is the only vaccine that has been approved for children between the ages of twelve (12) and seventeen (17), however it is expected that other vaccines will become available for younger age groups in the near future. **At this time, if a child or youth is in the temporary custody or committed to the Cabinet, the parent(s) or guardian(s) who had custody prior to the removal shall be given the opportunity to consent to the vaccine.** If a youth is developmentally able to be involved in the decision making process as to whether they should receive the vaccination, their input should be considered. Trusted adults can help to educate youth about the vaccine. Pursuant to KRS 605.110, the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) may consent to the medical authorization of a child or youth committed to the Cabinet and therefore may authorize for a child or youth who is committed to receive the vaccine. Efforts shall be exhausted in engaging the parent's consent prior to DCBS consenting. If termination of parental rights has occurred, a DCBS worker may consent to the vaccine. It should be noted that medical providers will likely have their own consent forms authorizing the administration of the vaccine. It will be important to make contact with the provider regarding their procedures and protocols prior to taking a child to an appointment. Please refer to [CCT-21-09](#) or [kycovid.ky.gov](http://kycovid.ky.gov) for additional frequently asked questions and resources.

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