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Dear S.C. COVID-19 Provider:

On January 5, CDC endorsed updated recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the prevention of COVID-19:

- People 12-17 years old should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.
- **At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-17 years old.**

This recommendation follows updates from CDC earlier this week to recommend the following:

- people who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine as their primary series should receive a booster after 5 months instead of 6 months.
- moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11-year-olds should receive an additional primary dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

Please send questions to [COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov).