Good Afternoon Androscoggin Valley Parents of 12-18 year olds,

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is now available for everyone ages 12 and older. In the clinical trial for children ages 12 through 15, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 100% effective at preventing COVID-19 with symptoms. In addition, children’s immune systems responded to the vaccine in a way similar to those of older teens and young adults. No safety concerns were identified in the clinical trial.

Every family is going to make their best decision whether they plan to vaccinate their children or not but we want to make sure you know how to get the vaccine if this is your choice.

There will be 3 clinics at the Brown School setup specifically for the 12-18 year old population. They will take place on Friday, May 21, from 8:00 - 10:00 am, Tuesday, May 25 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm, and Friday, May 28, from 8:00 - 10:00 am. There are other opportunities to receive the vaccine but these clinics are focused on the student population. If none of these dates work for you check the site for other options or contact CCFHS or AVH directly.

To sign up for a clinic all you need to do is visit vaccines.nh.gov and create an account for each child (you will need a different email address for each child). Once you have set up an account they will send you an email and you will be able to set up an appointment for your vaccination. The Brown School Clinic is listed on the site as Androscoggin Valley Hospital.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the vaccination there will be a valley-wide Zoom call with Dr. Beals on Monday, May 24, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm where we will explain the process and answer any questions you may have.

This is another step closer to normal for our community and we are excited about the potential of what this means for us moving forward.

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