Refer Your Pediatric Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends COVID-19 vaccines for children age 6 months and older. If your office does not offer COVID-19 vaccines, you can still take action to help protect children from COVID-19 and its complications.

Refer children age 3 years or older to a pharmacy.
Nationwide, pharmacies can vaccinate children as young as 3 years old. (CVS Minute Clinics are considered ambulatory care sites and will vaccinate children as young as 18 months.)

Refer children to another site in your provider group.
If your practice is part of a larger provider group or healthcare system, consider referring your patients to another site in your group or system that is enrolled and plans to vaccinate patients younger than age 5 years.

Host a COVID-19 Vaccination Day.
In some circumstances, the Rhode Island Department of Health may support you to host a clinic at your office or a nearby location. Collect the names of interested patients and host a “COVID-19 Vaccination Day” where all interested parents can come with their child(ren) to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Rhode Island Department of Health can provide on-site support and registration links for the clinic. If you are interested in this option, please reach out to your Immunization Representative.

Enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider.
If you are interested in enrolling to provide COVID-19 vaccines, please visit covid.ri.gov/vaxproviders.