



PMA STATEMENT ON COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN (5-11 years old)

The Philippine Medical Association expresses its full support for the Department of Health (DOH) and National Task Force against COVID-19 (NTF) in their program of providing COVID-19 vaccines in children aged 5 to 11 years old.

As mentioned by the Joint Statement of the Philippine Pediatric Society and the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines, COVID-19 directly affects children. While it is true that most present as mild or asymptomatic cases, some may develop more serious consequences such as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), and even death. In addition, the pandemic has already adversely affected the growth, mental health, learning, and health-seeking behaviors of children and their families.

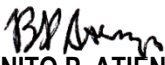
The available COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 5 to 11 years have undergone extensive evaluation from the United States Food and Drug Administration. They have been granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration. They have been found to be safe and effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 and its complications. Providing COVID-19 vaccines will help reduce the disease burden in this age group. Thus, the PMA supports the DOH and NTF in their efforts to protect the Filipino children against COVID-19 through vaccination.


The PMA agrees with the PPS and PIDSP in encouraging parents to discuss their concerns regarding vaccination with their health care provider. The PMA also urges the media and the general public to exercise good judgment, to obtain and disseminate information only from reputable sources.

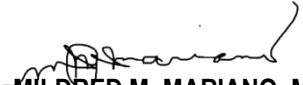
The PMA continues to call upon all members of the eligible population groups to get vaccinated and exercise health protocols in order for the country to heal and recover as one.


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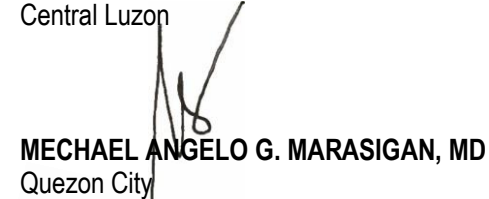
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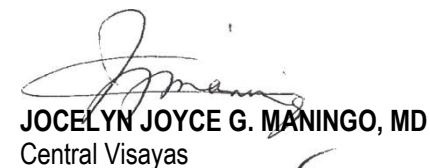
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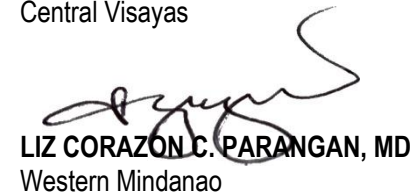
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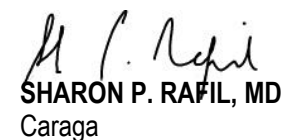
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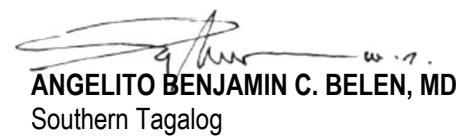
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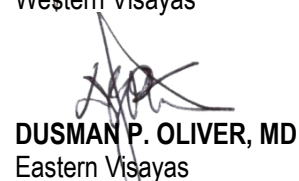
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