

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



KATHY EDMONSTON State Representative ~ District 88

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Dear Dr. Brumley:

As the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently authorized the Covid shot for five-to-eleven-year-olds, we wanted to write and thank you for your leadership for our Louisiana schools during this challenging time. Once the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices expands the use of the shot to this younger group, it will be available for distribution.

The likelihood of children of this age group with no comorbidities to survive from Covid is 99.9973 percent.¹ Their immune system is more robust. The number one risk factor for Covid is age.

The authorization for five-to-eleven-year-olds is under emergency use as an experimental drug and this fact must be communicated to those receiving the shot. The only FDA "approved" drug for Covid at this time is Comirnaty which is unavailable for distribution in America. Parents and legal guardians have authority under Louisiana law (Louisiana Children's Code Article 101) to make medical decisions for their minor children. Informed consent must be given to those receiving the shot and they must know they have the right to refuse. A drug under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) cannot be mandated.

We would note Covid, like influenza, is not a "vaccine preventable" disease, and according to LA RS 17:170 A, it should not be placed on the list of required immunizations for students.

Should any school district, medical professional, or government agency arrange a vaccination mobile unit or school-based clinic during school hours, we believe parents should be present should their minor child be immunized.

At a minimum, verified parental consent for minor children should be obtained in advance if children are given a Covid shot on campus. This will ensure that all aspects of the law are followed.

We are copying the superintendents statewide. We are asking that they would also share this letter with their local school boards.

Like you, we are here to serve the families and children of Louisiana. If we can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With respect,

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1 <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.07.08.21260210v1>