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## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES SUPPORTS VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19**

**Silver Spring, MD** -- The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) supports vaccination against COVID-19. The Food and Drug Administration has granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for use in individuals 16 years and older. This vaccine, as well as others that may receive FDA EUA approval, provides an opportunity to put an end to this pandemic that has resulted in death, economic hardship, loss of educational progress, mental health challenges, and more.

“Vaccines cannot work unless there is widespread vaccine uptake in communities. As trusted health providers working directly in communities where families live, learn, play, work and worship, school nurses provide culturally relevant, factual education about the importance of vaccine uptake,” said Laurie G. Combe, MN, RN, NCSN, President of the National Association of School Nurses. NASN will continue to monitor vaccine development and EUA of additional vaccines and will provide updated information to the school nurse community and other stakeholders.

**About NASN:**

The National Association of School Nurses is a non-profit specialty nursing organization, representing school nurses exclusively. NASN has more than 18,000 members and 50 affiliates, including one in the District of Columbia and one serving school nurses overseas. The mission of NASN is to optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing. Please visit us at [www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org)

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