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TO: All Nursing Homes

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SUBJECT: Connecticut Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System Update
to collect additional information on Resident Vaccination Status

The attached document is for your attention.
CT Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System
Update to collect additional information on resident vaccination status
February 12, 2021

On Monday February 15, 2021, when you log into the FLIS portal (at dphflisevents.ct.gov) you will see minor changes to the CT Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System. Thank you to all who keep this system operating daily and for your patience as we continue to modify the portal to improve the usefulness of the data collected in an ever-changing COVID-19 landscape.

The changes reflect the need to record the vaccination status of nursing home residents testing COVID-19 positive by PCR or in-house point-of-care rapid antigen test. Vaccine status will provide needed information about the effectiveness of vaccines in nursing home populations and the role vaccines play in preventing infection and transmission.

To accomplish this change, six columns have been added to the resident line list in the portal. They are:
1. Did this resident receive vaccine #1 (if no, then no further information is needed)
2. Date of vaccine #1
3. Vaccine type #1 (Pfizer, Moderna)
4. Did this resident receive vaccine #2
5. Date of vaccine #2 and
6. Vaccine type #2 (Pfizer, Moderna).

Please complete these columns for any resident you added to the line list since the first vaccine clinic in your facility and for all new positive residents added to the list going forward.

For any questions, please submit a ticket online at https://dph-cthelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket