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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

*This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our web site.*

Thank you for everything that you are doing to continue the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine program. Please continue your outreach to parents/individuals age 5 and older and encourage everyone to [stay up-to-date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.

### **UPDATES**

#### **Young Pediatric Rollout**

- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, FDA [revised the dates of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee \(VRBPAC\) meetings](#) due to new data from sponsors and expected Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requests. The new dates and details are as follows:
  - June 14: FDA and experts will discuss the Moderna EUA request for COVID-19 vaccines for people 6 years through 17 years of age.
  - June 15: Discussion about the Moderna EUA request for COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months through 5 years of age and Pfizer BioNTech EUA request for COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years of age, based on completion of an EUA submission.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is expected to meet within 1-2 days of the issuance of an EUA (June 16-17).
- Based on these dates, we are anticipating that vaccine for the under 5 population could be delivered starting as early as June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **What can providers do now?**

- Expect a communication early next week with a link to a pre-order form.
- Join our CoVP provider call on 6/1 (click [here](#) to join). We will be providing the latest updates and can answer your questions live.
- Complete the survey sent out on 5/25 (link [here](#)). This will help us to plan our mobile clinics for areas of the state where there are fewer clinics administering vaccine to children under age 5.

- Message parents/guardians of children 6 months – 4 years. Messaging should include:
  - A strong provider recommendation for COVID-19 vaccine; resources can be found [here](#).
  - Whether your office is planning to administer COVID-19 vaccine for this new age group.
  - If you aren't planning on administering COVID-19 vaccine, information on where your patients can go to receive vaccine. The DPH van clinics will be providing pediatric vaccines and the schedule can be found [here](#). Please note, even if you do not plan on providing COVID-19 vaccine in your office, this does not preclude you from making a strong recommendation!

**Thank you for all your ongoing work and support of our COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in Connecticut.**

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