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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all of our communications are archived on our [web site](#).

Please see attached eligibility poster for current phase 1b (updated 1/31/2021) and attestation card. Please display the poster at each of your clinic locations and verbally confirm with the vaccine recipient that he or she meets the criteria on the poster. In addition, you may also choose to require vaccine recipients to sign the attached attestation card.

Today, we received word from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that “while not ideal, both situations below with respect to transport of vaccines are acceptable if it is required to get shots in arms.” The answers from CDC to two questions:

1. Can a punctured COVID vaccine vial be transported if in appropriate cold chain? YES
2. Can syringes be prefilled with COVID vaccine and then transported if in appropriate cold chain? We prefer jurisdictions transport vaccine in vials but understand there may be situations when that is not possible. Transporting vaccine in syringes is ok if following USP guidance (see the attached document from USP).