# Transition VAMS clinics to CT WiZ Overview and Q&A

## This Presentation Will Begin Momentarily

# What is CT WiZ?

- Connecticut's statewide Immunization Information System (IIS)
- Web-based database
- Confidential as required by Connecticut law
- All vaccinations documented in VAMS show in CT WiZ
- *Coming Soon* a Public Portal
- Visit All About CT WiZ for more information
  - https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/ALL-ABOUT-CT-WiZ

# CT WiZ Features

- Order your vaccines, report doses administered, and track your inventory
- Search all of CT WiZ for recipient records, regardless of vaccination clinic
- Enables bi-directional electronic data exchange with your EHR
- Assess coverage rates with Reports
- "Recommender" forecasts vaccinations that are invalid, due and overdue
- Reminder/Recall Reports
- View/print official immunization records
- Electronically query previous immunization records and consolidate

# Possible Transition Benefits

- Established system for managing and reporting immunizations;

- Potential increase in the available throughput at clinics;

- Extensive training materials (dedicated training webpage with videos and "How Do I" documents);

- Numerous reports available for patient and inventory management;

- Flexibility for providers for documenting doses:
  - Use Health Level 7 (HL7) messages with an EHR
  - Data Entry (User Interface, UI) without an EHR

- One clinic to document vaccinations in instead of many different clinic portals.

- One clinic to manage inventory (add, transfer, wastage, adjust etc.)

# Possible Transition Cons

- Does not support identification and engagement of vaccine recipients

- Appointment scheduling and check-in occurs outside of CT WiZ

- Paper pre-vaccination questionnaire required

- Recipients do not have access to their record and schedule appointments

- Bulk uploads of patients are not available for Direct Data Entry (for UI Clinics);

# CoVP Providers must do the following outside of CT WiZ:

- Identify and contact people that need to be vaccinated in their community based on current communicated eligibility criteria;

- Communicate to the community the clinic schedules;

- Schedule vaccination appointments (I.e., Appointment Plus, ZocDoc)

- Clinics with an EHR - work with DPH to set up an HL7 interface with CT WiZ

- Clinics without an EHR (UI)– must have a method for collecting required patient information and dose administration data, per the CoVP Provider Agreement, within 24 hours of administration and directly enter the required information into CT WiZ.

# Electronic Health Record (EHR) Electronic Exchange with CT WiZ

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/Electronic-Health-Record-Electronic-Exchange-With-CT-WiZ
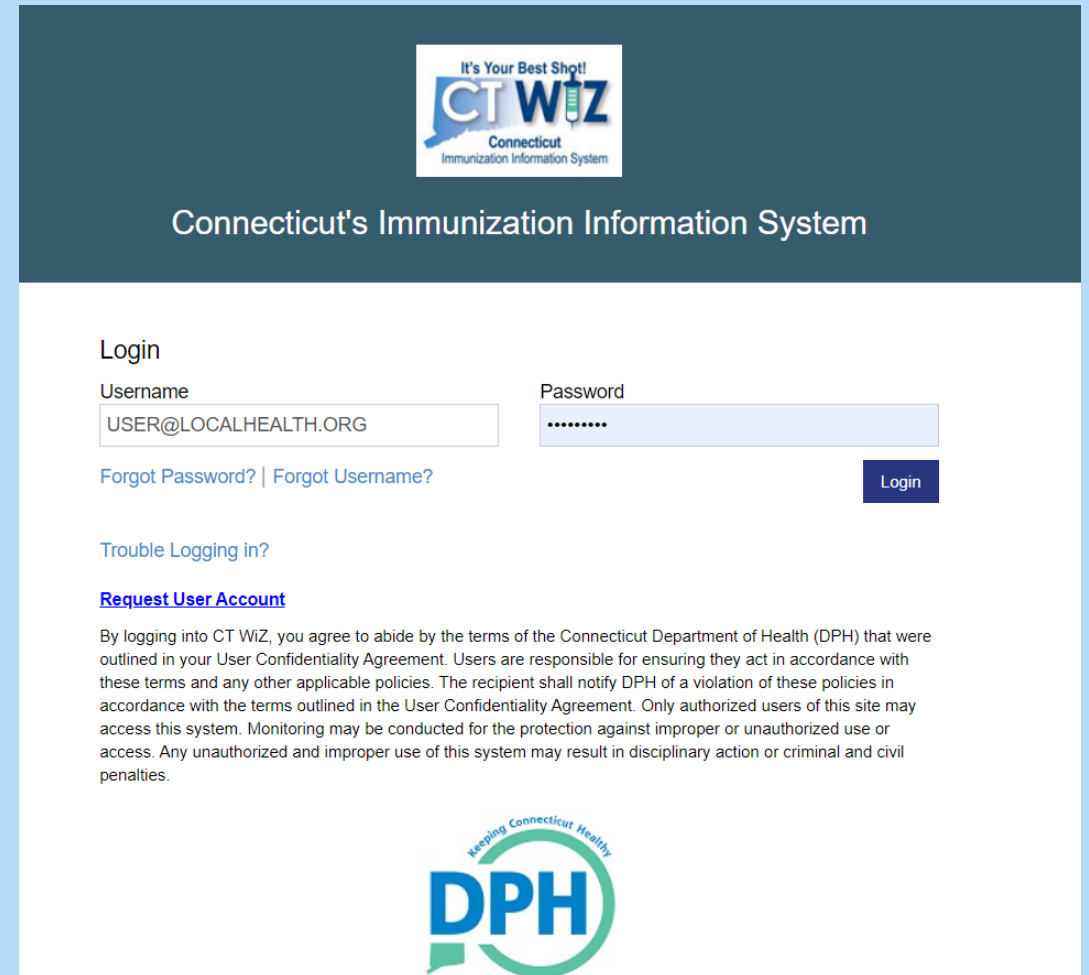
- An interface for a single clinic or an organization
- Can be uni-directional or bi-directional
- Ease of onboarding if EHR vendor already has onboarded.
- Create patient records in EHR
- Document doses in EHR
- Modify records in EHR
- Manage inventory in CT WiZ
- Run reports including "Recommender" in CT WiZ

# What does it mean to be a Direct Data Entry User (User Interface)?

Clinic conducts all activities via the CT WiZ website:

- Create patient records
- Update patient records
  - Demographics and immunizations
- Document doses administered
- Manage inventory
- Run reports including "Recommender"

Used by clinics that do not have an EHR that can report to CT WiZ

# VAMS Second Dose Scheduling Policy

All clinics can use CT WiZ to run a report of individuals who are overdue for second doses.

- Patient Detail with Services
  - Lists patients that were vaccinated in your clinic
  - Choose vaccination date range and specific vaccine product(s)
- Reminder Recall report (for clinics who are the recipient's medical home)
  - Report excludes patients who received a second dose at a different clinic.
  - https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/infectious_diseases/immunization/CT-WiZ-Training-material-2020/Patient-Management/How-to-run-a-reminder_recall-report-1_27_21.pdf

# *Coming Soon* Public Portal



## CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records

Patients and their Legal Guardians can use this screen to view and print an official record of their immunizations. The patient's First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, and Gender are required before proceeding.

### Who is the Patient?

| First Name | Last Name | Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | Gender |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | MM/DD/YYYY | |

### Who are you?

What is your relationship to the Patient?

How would you like to receive a code to access the immunization record?

○ Text  ○ Email

Immunization records printed from this site may not be complete. The records represent only the data reported to and entered in CT WiZ.

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# To Transition from VAMS to CT WiZ

If your clinic is using VAMS and wants to transition to CT WiZ to document vaccinations, submit a helpdesk ticket with your PIN and expected date of transition.

A meeting will be scheduled to review the process and expectations.

If you would like a meeting to discuss the process and expectations in more detail but don't have a transition date, submit a helpdesk ticket to schedule a meeting.

# Close out VAMS use

- Pick a date to make the transition
  - Determine last clinic for 1st and 2nd dose appointments
- Don't make appointments in VAMS after that date
  - Check Treatment Stations for Start and Stop Dates after your chosen End Date
  - Add Clinic Absences to ensure appointments aren't scheduled.
  - Uncheck the "Available for Scheduling" checkbox when ready to stop promoting appointments.
  - Ensure all Checked-In recipients are taken care of (cancelled or vaccination documented)
- Make sure outstanding reporting is complete
- Review your inventory in all clinic types (standard, mobile, third party, pop-up) to ensure the total equals your physical on-hand inventory.
  - Reduce your inventory in each clinic type prior to having it loaded to CT WiZ.
  - Attend a transition meeting and an inventory training

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# CT WiZ training resources

- CT WiZ Training Website:

  - Creating a new patient record

  - Documenting an underlying health condition

  - Administering a vaccine

  - Body site codes

  - Reports manual

  - Vaccine inventory management

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