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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

Important Update about Pfizer Storage and Handling

The FDA has amended the Pfizer EUA to allow undiluted, thawed Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine vials be stored in the refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) for up to 1 month. This is an update to previous guidance which stated that thawed, undiluted vaccine vials could be stored in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Current [Pfizer COVID vaccine storage and handling](#):

- **All Pfizer configurations are shipped ultra-cold.**
- **Ultra-Cold (-70°C):** Undiluted vials may be stored in ultra-cold freezer until expiration date or temporary in the shipper with regular dry ice replenishment per guidance. (unchanged)
- **Frozen (-20°C):** Undiluted vials may be stored in freezer for up to 2 weeks. (unchanged)
- **Refrigerated (2°-8°C):** **Undiluted, thawed vials may be stored in refrigerator for up to 1 month. (NEW).**
- **Total storage time for Pfizer in freezer and refrigerator should not exceed 45 days.**
- Thawed vaccine cannot be refrozen.

[FDA In Brief: FDA Authorizes Longer Time for Refrigerator Storage of Thawed Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Prior to Dilution, Making Vaccine More Widely Available | FDA](#)

Thank You

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