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Subject: All Individuals 16+ Will Be Eligible for COVID Vaccines on April 1



Connecticut Department of Public Health

Dear COVID Vaccine Providers & Connecticut Local Health Departments,

This email is to inform you that in the next hour, Governor Lamont will announce that all individuals 16 and older in the State of Connecticut will be eligible to schedule appointments for COVID Vaccines on April 1.

This accelerated rollout schedule follows continued assurances of increased supply from the Federal Government as well as the strength of the collective efforts of all vaccine providers and local health departments in Connecticut.

Thanks to your efforts, Connecticut ranks among the national leaders in population coverage. 78% of Connecticut seniors (65 and older) have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine, and 69% of Connecticut residents 55 and older have received at least one dose.

All providers should be ready for this roll-out on April 1. Please note:

- Until further notice, providers should continue to only schedule first-dose appointments through April 15. No first dose appointments should be offered past April 15 at this time.
- More details and information about extending schedules beyond April 15 will be made available by Monday.
- Schedulers should be updated between 12:01am and 8am on April 1 to align to new eligibility – Pfizer providers should allow for scheduling for all individuals 16+ and Moderna and J&J providers should allow for scheduling for all individuals 18+.
- As with the beginning of any new phase, patience will be required. Not all individuals 16-44 will be able to receive a first dose of a COVID vaccine promptly upon the shift to general availability.
- As vaccine demand will still outstrip supply in the early part of April, DPH wants to be sure vaccine remains widely available to all age groups, especially older individuals who are not yet vaccinated. Therefore, please DO NOT create schedules for

particular age groups or sub-populations (e.g., high school and college students) at this time without specific discussions with DPH.

More information will be made available soon – and thank you again for all your hard work!

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