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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine and Connecticut Vaccine Program 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](#).

Given that tropical storm Henri is bearing down on Connecticut, we are reminding you to please be ready to implement your back up safety plans and ensure your vaccine coordinator and back up will be notified immediately if power is lost at your facility and/or a storage unit goes outside of the acceptable temperature range. Providers without a back-up power supply may want to move vaccines to an alternate location with a consistent power supply before if they have not already done so, and if this can be safely achieved.

When you enrolled in the CoVP and CVP Programs, we shared information on [Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources](#), the need for an [emergency back-up plan](#), and available resources to support you to safeguard your vaccines, if you need to revisit those resources.

Report vaccine temperature excursions and/or vaccines wasted to the [Helpdesk](#) by following the prompts and submitting a ticket. Staff will be notified in real time of the excursion and will assist you. Please store vaccines in the storage unit in a paper bag marked "do not use" until a determination about the viability of the vaccine has been made, in consultation with the manufacturer and the Immunization Program.

A reminder to also update as appropriate your own social media platforms with information about clinic and/or call center closings.

Thank you.

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