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 **Connecticut
Department of Public Health**

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

This bulletin is sent to key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine. Please 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](#).

This bulletin contains several important updates and reminders.

16+ starts April 1

A communication was sent out yesterday with important information for CoVP Providers to be ready for April 1. Click [here](#) to review this information.

- Beginning April 1, all individuals 16 years of age and older who live, work, or attend school in Connecticut are eligible to receive vaccine. Students attending school remotely and employees working remotely who reside outside of Connecticut should receive vaccine in their home states.
- 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+.
- Parents or guardians of minors must consent to vaccination following your usual legal process—successful scheduling of an appointment does not serve as a proxy for consent.
- Providers should extend schedules through Sunday, May 2. No first doses should be offered after that date. Schedules should be extended based on current baseline allocations.

New from CDC

- CDC has designed a new mini-webinar series addressing different topics related to COVID-19 vaccination. Each webinar is approximately 15 minutes and offers CE. CDC's first two webinars are available through the [Training and Education Webinar Resources](#) webpage, posted in the COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar Series section. Additional webinars will be posted in the coming weeks.
- New [COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Reference Guide for Healthcare Professionals](#) is a quick reference for comparing general information, storage and handling information, and vaccine administration [information for all COVID-19 vaccines](#).
- The [Interim Clinical Consideration Summary](#) provides an easy reference of clinical considerations.
- The [Vaccine Administration Errors and Deviations](#) table is an easy reference for information on handling vaccine administration errors.

Reminders

- If you want to see the latest Connecticut data on vaccine distribution and administration, visit the [CT Data Portal](#). COVID-19 vaccination data is updated weekly on Thursdays.
- Orders are due at noon on Tuesdays. Order requests should be based on Moderna and/or Pfizer doses needed, and assume J&J doses will NOT be provided. We have very little J&J vaccine available currently, so these orders can still be requested, but are unlikely to be fulfilled. Please provide information how you intend to use any J&J doses requested.
- Please hang the "[What to expect poster after COVID-19 vaccination](#)" poster at your clinics—we removed the patient specific section—to better serve mass vaccination clinic settings. Please encourage vaccine recipients to register for [V-safe](#) (now available in [multiple languages](#)). V-safe participants will receive text messages and web surveys in the language chosen when they sign up. Please maintain a wait list of eligible individuals in case vaccine becomes available that must be used within a narrow timeframe.
- Ensure that your clinic is protecting your vaccine against temperature excursions: Always store Moderna vaccines frozen (in the freezer) until the date of clinic.
- Report temperature excursions to the [Helpdesk](#) by 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.
- You should expect your second dose shipments of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to arrive approximately 25 days after your first doses were received.

Reminder: Check your clinic listing

All COVID vaccine providers should review their public clinic listings currently displayed on the Connecticut state website <http://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/>.

[Please click here to confirm whether your listing is correct or make suggested changes.](#)

All providers are asked to complete this step by Wednesday, March 31 at 9am.

CT WiZ New Releases

- CT WiZ will be down on Monday 4/5/2021 between 8:00pm and 10:00pm for a new monthly release.
- Please plan your entry in the user interface and Electronic Health Record (EHR) querying accordingly.

VAMS Clinics Quick Tip!

- Clinics using VAMS can indicate which vaccine product / dose your clinic is offering.
- Use the options on the Clinic Setup screen to let recipients know your clinic's [vaccine product & dose #](#).
- This will be especially helpful for 16 and 17 years olds who should only schedule at clinics offering Pfizer vaccine.

Trainings / Office Hours

Training

Dates / Links

CoVP CT WiZ Enrollment Office Hours

This session provides COVID-19 Clinics information about the CoVP enrollment process in CT WiZ, and Q&A with DPH.

Mondays & Thursdays

12:00pm-12:30pm

Join: [CoVP CT WiZ Enrollment Office Hours](#)

VAMS Live Helpdesk Office Hours

This session allows VAMS users to call in any time during the scheduled office hours to ask a question to a VAMS subject matter expert.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30am-12:00pm

Join: [VAMS Live Helpdesk Office Hours](#)

Scheduling Second Dose Appointments in VAMS

This session provides VAMS Clinic Administrators the process and

Mondays

2:00pm-3:30pm

best practices for scheduling second dose appointments, and Q&A with DPH.

Register: [Scheduling Second Dose Appointments in VAMS](#)

How to Transition from VAMS to CT WiZ

This session provides VAMS Clinic Administrators the process to transition from VAMS to CT WiZ, and Q&A with DPH.

Wednesdays

12:00pm-1:00pm

Register: [How to Transition from VAMS to CT WiZ](#)

CT WiZ and VAMS Reports

This session provides COVID-19 Clinics an overview of reports in CT WiZ and VAMS, and Q&A with DPH.

Fridays

10:00am-11:00am

Join: [Reports in CT WiZ and VAMS](#)

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