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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

This afternoon the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for persons 12 through 15 years of age under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization. An acknowledgement of the vote has been posted on CDC's [website](#).

The vaccine efficacy estimate is 100% for symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for this age group in the Phase 2/3 randomized controlled trials, including a vaccine group of 1,131 and placebo group of 1,129 participants. There were no severe adverse events in vaccine recipients.

Connecticut COVID-19 vaccine providers may now vaccinate adolescents aged 12 through 15 years.

The following timeline was shared by CDC:

- Thursday May 13: CDC will post a webpage with information on adolescent vaccination, as well as a pediatrician toolkit.
- Friday May 14:
 - 11am ET – ACIP's recommendation will be published in the MMWR and updated clinical considerations will be published at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>. This will include updated guidance on co-administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines.
 - 2–3pm ET – COCA call for clinicians on Tuesday at 2pm: [Information is here](#).

At this time, the composition of the ancillary kits for the Pfizer-1,170 dose trays will not change. When the Pfizer 450 dose tray become available (~ week of 31 May), there will be the option of ordering an associated pediatric ancillary kit that will be composed of 100% one-inch needles. More information about what is provided in ancillary kits is available [here](#).

[V-safe](#) has been updated to allow adolescents to participate.

Thank you for everything that you are doing to provide COVID vaccines.

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