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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP) providers,

Thank you for your continued efforts in Connecticut's COVID-19 vaccine roll-out. We know that many of you are directly involved in these activities to ensure all eligible individuals are [staying up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.

This communication pertains to readiness for the next critical phase of our State's COVID-19 vaccine roll-out: vaccination for children 6 months through 4 years of age.

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee is [meeting on February 15](#) to discuss the emergency use authorization (EUA) of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years of age. If the FDA grants an EUA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet within a few days to issue a recommendation. It is even possible that vaccine distribution of the new product could begin as soon as President's Day, February 21.

We are asking all CoVP enrolled providers to complete our survey to help support planning efforts, even if you are not planning to vaccinate this age group. **Once you have read this communication, please complete the survey at the link below.**

As a reminder, the Pfizer vaccine will likely be the first to be recommended for children ages 6 months through 4 years. [Pfizer has submitted a rolling EUA submission to FDA](#)—this means that they have submitted safety and efficacy data for two (3 mcg) doses as part of an eventual three-dose primary series for this age group. Data on the third dose given at least 8 weeks after completion of the second dose are expected to be submitted in the coming months as part of the rolling submission.

The Pfizer vaccine for 6m–4-year-olds has a similar product configuration to the [5–11-year-old pediatric vaccine](#), but with a different color cap (maroon), different dose, a new national drug code (NDC), and potentially a different schedule. The packaging configuration for vaccine product for children 6m–4 years is expected to be 10-dose vials in cartons of 10 vials each (100 doses total) with a minimum direct ship order quantity of 100 doses. CoVP enrolled providers will be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines in smaller quantities than the minimum dose order currently available from the central distributor via redistribution. The maroon cap will require diluent, which will be provided with ancillary supplies to support 100 doses per kit. Storage and handling

requirements will be the same as for the 5–11 age group (orange cap) Pfizer vaccine—up to 10 weeks at standard refrigerator temperatures (between 2°C - 8°C, or 36°F - 46°F).

Please complete the survey once for each PIN within your organization.

If you have multiple enrolled provider locations, then please complete a separate survey for each PIN. If you oversee more than 5 provider PINs (e.g., chain pharmacies), then please email Dph.immunizations@ct.gov with the subject line “Spring 2022 Provider Survey: Young Pediatric Planning” and we will follow up directly.

We will provide more information as it becomes available so that CoVP providers may continue their planning for this next age rollout. All past communications are available [here](#). If you would like to sign up to receive communications directly, please send an email to Dph.immunizations@ct.gov with the subject line “Subscribe to COVID-19 Program communications”. If you have questions, please send them to dph.immunization@ct.gov.

Please make sure that someone in your organization completes this survey by Wednesday, February 9, 2022: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID-19YoungPediPlanning>

Thank You
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