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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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*This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. 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](#).*

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its recommendation for when many people can receive a booster shot, shortening the interval from 6 months to 5 months **for people who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine**. This means that people can now receive an mRNA booster shot 5 months after completing their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series. The booster interval recommendation for people who received the J&J vaccine (2 months) or the Moderna vaccine (6 months), has not changed.

Additionally, consistent with prior recommendation for adults, [CDC is recommending that moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) 5–11 year olds receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for children aged 5-11.

The press release can be found [here](#).

### **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets tomorrow**

An ACIP meeting has been scheduled tomorrow, January 5 from 1-5pm; the live webcast will be available [here](#). No agenda is available at this time. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized a booster dose for children aged 12 through 15 yesterday. The ACIP may be meeting to discuss the FDA's booster dose authorization for this age group.

We will share more information as it becomes available. Thank you for everything you are doing to keep Connecticut residents safe and healthy!

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