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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

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](#).

We are receiving numerous questions about the current storage and handling requirements for the Pfizer pediatric product for children ages 5 through 11 years. Per the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Pfizer pediatric product may be stored in an:

- **Ultra-cold Freezer between -90°C and -60°C (-130°F and -76°F) for up to 9 months from the date of manufacture printed on the vial, or**
- **Refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 10 weeks from when it was placed in the refrigerator, as long as that does not exceed 9 months from the date of manufacture.**

Please note that the vaccine should not be used more than 9 months after the date of manufacture. This means vaccine **cannot** be stored in an ultra-cold unit for 9 months and then moved to a refrigerator for an additional 10 weeks.

Please see the table below for dates of manufacture and calculated expiration dates per the latest [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#). Vaccines are only viable to this date if stored in an ultra-cold freezer.

| Printed Manufacturing Date | 9-Month Expiry Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 06/2021 | 28-Feb-2022 |
| 07/2021 | 31-Mar-2022 |
| 08/2021 | 30-Apr-2022 |
| 09/2021 | 31-May-2022 |
| 10/2021 | 30-Jun-2022 |
| 11/2021 | 31-Jul-2022 |
| 12/2021 | 31-Aug-2022 |
| 01/2022 | 30-Sep-2022 |
| 02/2022 | 31-Oct-2022 |

If there are questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccine wastage, or to notify DPH of soon to expire vaccine, please email DPH.Immunizations@ct.gov. To report vaccine that has been wasted, please submit a ticket through the [DPH Helpdesk Portal](#).

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