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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

*This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine. 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](#).*

The Food & Drug Administration [authorized an extension](#) of the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine from 4.5 months to 6 months (an additional 45 days). The decision is based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which have demonstrated that the vaccine is stable at 6 months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36 – 46 degrees Fahrenheit (2 – 8 degrees Celsius).

**All CoVP providers should visit <https://vaxcheck.inj/> to confirm the latest expiration dates of vaccine.** This extension applies to refrigerated vials of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine that have been held in accordance with the manufacturer's storage conditions.

Please keep in mind that COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized under an EUA do not have fixed expiration dates, and their expiration dates can be extended as we get more stability data. Always be sure to check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for COVID-19 vaccines you have on hand.

As a reminder, shipping of new lots of J&J vaccine by CDC has not resumed. With this new extension of the expiration dates, CDC has indicated they do not intend to resume shipment at this time. DPH continues to provide doses of J&J vaccine to providers through redistribution of doses that are already in the state. Orders may be placed through our submissions [portal](#).

Thank you.

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