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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Thank you for your continued efforts in Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccine roll-out. We know that many of you are actively involved in our important efforts to reach unvaccinated eligible individuals with COVID-19 vaccines as well as introduce booster doses at this time.

This communication pertains to readiness for the next critical phase of our State's COVID-19 vaccine roll-out: vaccination for children ages 5 through 11.

We expect that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may authorize the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 through 11 in October. There are ~278,000 children in this age group in the State of Connecticut, and we look forward to your help and support in ensuring that we can quickly provide COVID-19 vaccines for this group if and when a vaccine is recommended.

We are asking enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP) providers in the State of Connecticut to complete this survey to help support our planning efforts. **Once you have read this communication, please complete the survey at the link below.**

As a reminder, it is likely that the Pfizer vaccine will be the first to be recommended for children aged 5 through 11. Although during the initial phases of the roll-out, storage and handling requirements for the Pfizer vaccine were stringent, the current handling requirements are now suitable for use in a wide range of practice settings. Specifically, 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 and the Pfizer vaccine can now be stored at standard refrigerator temperatures (between 2°C - 8°C, or 36°F - 46°F) for up to 31 days.

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](mailto:Dph.immunizations@ct.gov) with the subject line "Fall Provider Survey: COVID-19 Kids Vaccination Planning" and we will follow up directly.

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](mailto: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](mailto:dph.immunization@ct.gov).

**Please make sure that someone in your organization completes this survey by Friday, October 8, 2021: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChildrenVaxPlanning>**

Thank You  
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