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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear CoVP Participants,

In anticipation of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) meeting, scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is accepting pre-orders for Pfizer pediatric formulations to accommodate a timely roll out for the younger age cohort. These pre-orders will be shipped upon Emergency Use Authorization being issued and are anticipated to arrive the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**If you wish to place an order for Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine for week 1 of distribution (week of November 1<sup>st</sup>), please complete this supplementary [order form](#).**

Please complete this form by Thursday, October 21 at 10:00 am. Orders received by this time will be given priority for first shipments. The final deadline for submitting a Week 1 order will be Monday, October 26. Do not place orders in the portal for pediatric vaccine for Week 1. The ordering portal will not be configured or available for pediatric orders until after the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) has made their recommendation.

All providers who are intending to offer vaccines for children ages 5–11 are encouraged to place orders now so you have vaccine supply on hand for the introduction of this pediatric formulation and can begin offering this vaccine promptly.

For the first week of distribution, providers can order in multiples of 300 doses for direct shipment from the manufacturer. Connecticut DPH will attempt to arrange for redistribution for orders less than 300 doses, so if you cannot use 300 doses in a timely manner, please enter any number of doses you would like in multiples of 10. The ordering form will also allow you to indicate whether you are able to accept shipments of 300 doses even if this may be more than you initially need – accepting this larger shipment volume may allow for more timely distribution.

Storage conditions for pediatric vaccine differ from the adult formulation. The pediatric Pfizer vaccine for 5–11 year olds can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 10 weeks and in ultra-cold freezers for up to 6 months. As such, providers may place an order even if they are planning to administer fewer than 300 doses (the minimum order requirement) in week 1 of the roll-out. As a reminder, the current adolescent and adult product can not be used for children under 12.

Once the orders for the initial week of pediatric vaccine have been placed, ordering will transition to the standard weekly ordering practices through the [submissions portal](#).

*NOTE: FDA's VRBPAC is scheduled to meet October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss Pfizer's submission for vaccines for 5–11 year old children. Then, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet to discuss this issue on November 2–3. Vaccinations for 5–11-year-olds should not begin until after CDC makes a recommendation for use, consistent with requirements in the provider agreement.*

**Reminder: Join us Wednesdays 10/20 at 9am for our CoVP update call: [Click here to join the meeting](#) (click the link to join the live session) or. call in (audio only) [+1 860-840-2075, 728392236#](#) Phone Conference ID: 728 392 236#**