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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,

This email contains additional information about a COVID-19 vaccine booster roll-out that we want to make sure you are aware of.

Timeline

As you are likely aware, the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) is meeting today. Based on the agenda and materials, this meeting appears focused on Pfizer's submission for approval of a booster shot.

Meeting information and live stream is posted [here](#). Following the VRBPAC meeting, FDA will review the committee's discussion as it makes a determination about whether to approve the submission.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to meet September 22 and 23 to deliberate and consider recommendations; an agenda and live stream link will be available [here](#).

As has been the case throughout the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, DPH advises that any implementation of booster programs should begin only after FDA takes a regulatory action and ACIP and CDC make clinical recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine use. **Administration of third doses of mRNA vaccines for the immune compromised should continue as planned; booster dose administration should wait until after ACIP meets.**

Reminders

We encourage all providers to continue to be ready to administer booster doses once these are supported by FDA and ACIP. Towards those ends, we want to offer the following reminders:

- **Please verify your listings are correct on gov/covidvaccine.** If you need to add new clinic locations or remove a clinic location, please email Caroline.Hou@ct.gov.

- **Please make sure you have a plan in place to contact all patients for whom you provided the primary series and encourage them to receive a booster**, if they are part of the FDA/ACIP recommendations for booster doses. Please make sure to direct these individuals to alternative clinic sites (e.g., local pharmacies or other vaccinators) if you are not providing boosters.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep Connecticut residents safe and healthy!

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