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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

This bulletin is 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](#).

In this week's bulletin, we want to recap some of the communications sent out last week (there were quite a few!). There are also several updates contained within this message. Please read this in its entirety.

Current Access Focus: 75+

- As we make our transition to Phase 1b, we are relentlessly focused on ensuring access to individuals aged 75 and older. It is all-hands-on-deck to help these individuals receive vaccine – whether directly scheduling, conducting outreach, supporting them through VAMS, or otherwise. 75+ is the only cohort in 1b that is currently eligible to receive vaccine.

Phase 1b

- Last Thursday, the State of Connecticut announced more information about its transition to Phase 1b. This information can be found on ct.gov/covidvaccine.
- Currently, individuals 75 and older are being scheduled.
- More information on phase 1b roll out is available in our [communication sent out on Thursday 1/14](#).
- We are developing guidance around eligibility and when you can begin scheduling vaccination of front line essential workers, individuals and staff in congregate settings, individuals between the ages of 65 and 74, and individuals between the ages of 16 and 64 with comorbidities.
- Lastly, I expect that the information on the personnel clearinghouse will be distributed tomorrow via the DPH provider bulletin. Our DPH team did an amazing job coordinating this effort which will identify 3 tiers of staff - paid vaccinators, volunteers, and vaccinators-to-be-trained. We think this will help support all of our partners moving forward; encourage you to highlight it immediately with your members.

Forecasting allocation & supply

- We are aware of the common need among all vaccine providers to understand what level of vaccine supply to plan for -- we share this desire and know how important it is for planning.
- We continue to face **significant ambiguity** about how much supply Connecticut will be allocated. At the beginning of last week, it looked as though the Federal Government was poised to release more doses to States. Now, it appears as though the release may be delayed and the amount of inventory

held by manufacturers is not as high as thought. The change in administration, new policies related to allocation, the potential approval of a third vaccine (from Janssen) are all poised to impact how much supply is available – we will continue to update you as we know more.

- As always, please plan to administer all inventory within 7 days. We should know more soon about Connecticut’s forecasted supply for the week of 1/25
- Please submit your orders this week by Wednesday at noon in VAMS or CT WiZ as usual

Technology and scheduling

- **211 Vaccine Clinic Finder** As an enrolled provider, **211 United Way will be sending you a survey today** regarding your vaccination clinic locations and related information. Please complete the survey as soon as possible for public awareness on your locations, hours, and procedures for scheduling appointments.
- As was communicated [Wednesday](#) 1/13, we are rolling out a cloud-based scheduling platform that can be used across provider organizations. This platform, supported by Appointment-Plus, can enable our vaccine access line to assist with scheduling patients into your Third Party clinics (you can also schedule patients into these slots yourself). Providers who are interested to learn more should complete the following form: <https://uwc.211ct.org/vax/>.
- VAMS Updates:
 - VAMS Trainings Schedule: [VAMS Training \(ct.gov\)](#)
 - Clinics can run a ‘Vaccine Administration Report’ in VAMS for their clinic(s), using the **filter options**, including a custom date range, identifying the 1st and 2nd dose, brand and billing information. It can be exported to excel. View: [VAMS-enhancements-126.pdf \(ct.gov\)](#)
 - A request form is posted for clinics who wish to add additional clinics (Mobile, Pop up) in VAMS. Visit: [Additional-VAMS-Clinic-Form-1_7_21.pdf \(ct.gov\)](#)

Moderna tracking now available

- Functionality was added so that providers scheduled to receive Moderna vaccine will receive advance notification via email. Advance notification emails will be sent for your orders approved in CDC’s VTrckS. The email will be sent from the following email address: CDCCustomerService@McKesson.com (please whitelist this address so that the email is not blocked.) The email will be sent to the provider (facility) level email that is transmitted with the vaccine order and will contain information about the vaccine shipment, including the specific vaccine and quantity ordered, as well as the tracking number. You will receive a separate email for each vaccine cooler (box) in the shipment because each cooler (box) has its own unique tracking number.
- You should expect to receive ancillary kit shipments coordinated to arrive before or on the same day as their vaccine order. You will not receive advance email notification for ancillary kit shipments.

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