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TO: Assisted Living and Residential Care Homes

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DATE: August 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Important: COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Survey – Boosters

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Dear Assisted Living Facilities (ALSAs/MRCs) and Residential Care Homes:

The Connecticut Department of Health (CT DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are requesting your assistance in planning for additional dose recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines (“boosters”). Please complete this survey to ensure there is sufficient COVID-19 vaccine access and coverage in long-term care facilities in the event an additional dose recommendation is advised.

**CT DPH is closely following potential updates to recommendations for COVID-19 booster doses. At this time, no official Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) decision or recommendation has been made to administer booster doses to any population. However, we recognize that this event is likely and could happen soon. As such, CT DPH wants to ensure that our long-term care facilities and provider network are ready to quickly deliver vaccines to target populations once recommended.**



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**If and when a recommendation from the FDA or ACIP is issued, CT DPH will follow up with additional guidance and information for LTCFs.**

The purpose of this survey is to specifically identify long-term care facilities in Connecticut that are not nursing homes, current COVID-19 vaccine coverage gaps that might exist, and any assistance needed to link to a COVID-19 vaccine enrolled provider. Please complete the questionnaire with your facility's current information as of June 1, 2021.

**Please ensure that a survey response is submitted for your facility by Thursday, August 19 <https://airc.cdc.gov/surveys/?s=NEA7WEX8TF>**

If you have any questions, please email [dph.immunizations@ct.gov](mailto:dph.immunizations@ct.gov).

Thank You,  
Connecticut Department of Public Health COVID-19 Immunizations Team