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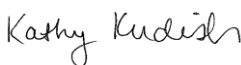
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FACILITY LICENSING AND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

TO: Home health and hospice care providers

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DATE: September 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Enrollment to administer COVID-19 vaccines

Dear Connecticut home healthcare providers,

This correspondence is to invite you to enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider in Connecticut. If you are already receiving COVID-19 vaccines, we appreciate your participation and you may disregard this letter.

Home healthcare providers play a critical role in delivering healthcare to vulnerable populations, and you are a trusted source of information for your patients. As we move forward, you can play an important role in ensuring that your patients have access to COVID-19 vaccines. Should you decide to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP), you will need to meet all requirements related to vaccine storage, handling, and reporting.

Please read this memo in its entirety to learn more.

Important information about the current COVID-19 vaccines

Home healthcare providers who wish to administer COVID-19 vaccines should carefully consider the storage and handling requirements of each of the COVID-19 vaccines.

There are currently 3 vaccines authorized by the Food and Drug Administration, all in adequate supply at this time. The [COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Reference Guide for Healthcare Professionals](#) is a quick reference for comparing general information, storage and handling and vaccine administration. More detailed information is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#). Please note that the storage and handling requirements have evolved since their initial authorization and all of the vaccines can now be stored at standard



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refrigerator temperatures (2°C and 8°C, or 36°F and 46°F) for a limited amount of time. Providers who enroll as COVID-19 vaccine providers will be able to order their selected product preference.

The Immunization Program has been looking into arrangements that will enable providers to receive COVID-19 vaccines in smaller quantities than the minimum dose order available from the CDC distributor, and is currently assisting with the distribution of smaller quantities requested.

Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) rules for [Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration](#) includes a section 'How Do I Bill for the Additional Payment for Administering the Vaccine in the Patient's Home?' were updated effective August 24, 2021 and include potential additional reimbursement for in home vaccine administration to two or more patients per home unit. An [infographic](#) is also available on the site.

Process to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP)

The steps to enroll in the CoVP are laid out on our [COVID-19 vaccine providers web site](#) numbered steps one through 6. Please review the page and follow the steps. Under step one, please complete the pre-registration survey, even if you have done so in the past.

Additional Resources:

- If you would like to sign up to receive our CoVP communications, please send an email to Dph.immunizations@ct.gov with the subject line "Subscribe to COVID-19 Program communications".
- **Join us at the Weekly CoVP Update Wednesdays 9am:** [Click here to join the meeting](#) (click the link to join the live session) **or call in (audio only)** [+1 860-840-2075, 728392236#](tel:+18608402075) Phone Conference ID: 728 392 236#.

If you have any questions, you can reach the CT DPH Immunization Program by phone at (860) 509-7929, or by email: dph.immunizations@ct.gov.