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SUBJECT: Updated booster recommendations, and Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) pharmacy matching support

Following the CDC's recently updated recommendations regarding booster vaccines for LTCF residents, we are reaching out regarding support available to connect you with LCTF pharmacy partners.

As you may have already learned, there are now booster recommendations for all three COVID vaccines for people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings. All LTCF residents and staff will be eligible for boosters according to the following guidelines:

- LTCF residents and staff who received Moderna or Pfizer vaccines are eligible 6 months after their second dose.
- LTCF residents and staff who received J&J vaccines are eligible 2 months after their second dose.
- In addition, individuals may receive a booster dose that is a different vaccine type than they originally received for their primary series. Any vaccine product can be administered for a booster dose.



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Please see the full CDC booster recommendation here: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p1021-covid-booster.html>

CDC has developed web resources to support long-term care providers as they coordinate vaccine access. This includes access to COVID-19 booster doses, as well as continued access to the primary vaccine series. These resources include:

- A webpage explaining COVID-19 Vaccine Access in Long-Term Care Settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>
- A sub-page with specific information for long-term care administrators and managers, including options for coordinating access to COVID-19 vaccines – <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships/administrators-managers.html>

Once you have reviewed the information above, **we encourage you to indicate if you need support providing booster vaccines to residents and/or staff of your long-term care setting via one of the below channels:**

- SNFs may request assistance via the weekly NHSN survey
- Non-SNFs may email our DPH team directly to request support at DPH.immunizations@ct.gov

Any additional questions can be sent to DPH's immunizations email address as well. Thank you for your hard work protecting your LTCF residents and staff.



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