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Good afternoon long term care colleagues,

As you may have already heard, in an effort to mitigate infection at long term care facilities (LTCFs), Governor Lamont signed an Executive Order (EO) on Thursday, January 6, 2022, requiring all eligible LTCF employees to receive a COVID-19 booster dose **by February 11, 2022**. You may view the <u>text of the executive order here</u>.

Following this announcement, LTCFs may choose one or both of the following options to ensure that staff are compliant with the February 11th booster deadline:

- You may direct staff to receive boosters via community-based providers and pharmacies (e.g., CVS, Walgreens). Staff can use existing booster vaccine sites to receive a booster and use portals such as vaccines.gov to search for appointments.
- <u>You may coordinate an onsite booster clinic with your LTCF pharmacy partner for your employees</u>. To hold an onsite booster clinic, you may reach out to the pharmacy partner(s) who have administered booster vaccines for your residents, or you may identify a pharmacy partner who can do so.

If neither of the above options work for your LTCF, please reach out to our DPH team at <u>DPH.immunizations@ct.gov</u> to request assistance.

Please note that guidance will be forthcoming regarding the reporting and documentation requirements of this EO, including guidance regarding authenticating vaccination statuses of employees covered by the EO.

Thanks very much for your important work protecting LTCF residents and staff,

DPH Immunizations and HAI Teams



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