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*This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our [web site](#).*

Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP) Providers,

Following [FDA action](#), yesterday [CDC expanded its recommendation](#) to allow **children ages 6 months through 4 years who previously completed the full 3-dose monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 primary vaccination series to now receive a booster dose of Pfizer's updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccine.**

This change only applies to children who received Pfizer's 3-dose original (monovalent) COVID-19 vaccine primary series. This update means that all children in this age group are now eligible to receive an updated vaccine, either through completion of their primary series or through a booster dose.

**COVID-19 vaccine providers in Connecticut may begin administration of doses in line with the FDA emergency use authorization and CDC recommendation immediately.**

Providers should reach out to patients 6 months through 4 years who completed a 3 dose Pfizer primary series with the monovalent product to inform them of eligibility and schedule a booster appointment for a bivalent booster.

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are formulated to protect against some of the more recently circulating viruses. Most importantly, COVID-19 vaccines are critical to providing ongoing protection as immunity wanes and the virus continues to mutate. Many children in this age group have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and we recommend parents get their children vaccinated to protect against serious illness.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and effort with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. We will send out another communication as soon as centralized redistributions are available again.

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