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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 Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

We have been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that the shipping of Moderna bivalent vaccines will be delayed nationwide. **Any Moderna bivalent orders placed after waves 1 and 2 closed (noon on August 29th) will be canceled.** If you placed an order during wave 1 or 2 and have not received your shipment, we will be sending a separate communication to you with an update. CDC has stated that all wave 1 and 2 orders will be fulfilled, and that they anticipate availability of Moderna resuming the week of 9/19.

Pfizer bivalent doses are still available for order and shipping as scheduled. **Please consider switching booster dose clinics to Pfizer bivalent to avoid delays.** Keep in mind that the new bivalent Pfizer vaccine has the same storage conditions as the older formulations: can be refrigerated (2°C to 8°C) up to 10 weeks. Just a reminder that COVID-19 vaccine orders need to be placed via the <u>ordering portal</u> before Tuesday at noon. If you have any upcoming clinics, we strongly recommend placing an order by Tuesday to receive Pfizer doses the beginning of next week.

We will send out a communication when Moderna bivalent doses are available again for order. We are hopeful this will be the week of 9/19 but this remains uncertain at this time.

Thank you for all your ongoing work and support of our COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in Connecticut.

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