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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations enrolled in the CT Vaccine (Pediatric) Program (CVP) – 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 CVP providers,

COVID-19 vaccines are now available for order from the CVP **for use in all children aged 6 months through 18 years**. The updated Vaccine Eligibility Criteria table is attached and will be posted on our web site.

The [COVID-19 vaccine clinical considerations](#) have been updated.

Below is a summary of the recommendations for use of the 2023–2024 formulations of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Everyone ages 5 years and older is recommended to receive 1 dose of updated (2023–2024 Formula) mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
- Children ages 6 months–4 years
 - Initial vaccination: should receive either 2 doses of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Moderna or 3 doses of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
 - Received previous mRNA doses: need 1 or 2 doses of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Moderna or updated (2023–2024 Formula) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the number of prior doses
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
 - Initial vaccination: should receive a 3-dose series of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Moderna or updated (2023–2024 Formula) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
 - Received previous mRNA doses: need 1 or 2 doses of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Moderna or updated (2023–2024 Formula) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the number of prior doses

- May receive 1 or more additional updated (2023→→2024 Formula) mRNA COVID-19 vaccine doses
- Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are no longer recommended in the United States
- More information is available [here](#).

Implementation and plans for monitoring safety and effectiveness

- COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling will be the same as it is now.
 - [Moderna](#) can be stored frozen between -50°C and -15°C (-58°F and 5°F) until expiration or in a refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 30 days
 - [Pfizer](#) can be stored at ultra-cold temperatures between -90°C and -60°C (-130°F and -76°F) until expiration or in a refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 10 weeks
- COVID-19 vaccines can be administered simultaneously with other vaccines.
- For your initial orders, please request enough vaccine to last approximately one month. You may reorder as needed. Until CT WiZ can accommodate COVID-19 vaccine orders, please use the following [link](#) to place an order. Orders should be received within a week of when they are placed.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and effort to support vaccination.

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