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Dear Connecticut School leadership,

As you know, we have started Phase 1b beginning with appointments for individuals 75-years and older.

More information about the subsequent roll-out to the rest of the population in this phase (65-74 year old individuals; frontline essential workers; and individuals with a high-risk comorbidity) was just announced at the Governor's news conference ([see here for press announcement](#)). Vaccines where on-site solutions are required for certain congregate settings will not need appointments and are being handled separately in parallel to the 75+ group.

We are asking that anybody who has an appointment for Friday of this week or later cancel these appointments unless they are 75 years or older OR they were eligible to receive vaccine as part of Phase 1a. This is being done in order to ensure that the State's focus on those 75 years and older is maintained.

We know and accept that in a large roll out such as this one there will be bumps along the way. There are no punitive measures for those who accidentally scheduled under the belief that they were eligible to receive vaccine. However, as of Friday of this week, we ask that all appointments be limited to individuals 75-years-and-older and individuals who became eligible as part of Phase 1a.

The implications of this are:

- **Schools:** Please communicate with your teachers and workforce to request that any appointments scheduled beyond this Thursday be cancelled until further guidance is issued directing school staff and other frontline essential workers to start scheduling their appointments
- **Providers:** You may see cancellations in your schedules – please fill these with individuals 75+
- **Local Health departments:** If you have not already, please cancel any clinics on or after Friday that are not devoted to individuals 75 years and older or Phase 1a-eligible individuals

Thank you,

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