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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations enrolled in the CT Vaccine (Pediatric) Program (CVP), COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP), and CT Vaccine For Adults/317 Program – 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 healthcare providers,

Below are some updates to ACIP recommendations for the use of COVID-19 vaccines. We expect the full, published recommendations to be available in the coming months [here](#). You can sign up to receive updates directly from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the site.

On Tuesday September 12, the ACIP voted to recommend the updated COVID-19 vaccine to everyone 6 months and older. The CDC press release can be accessed [here](#).

- [Everyone aged 6 years and older](#) should get **1 updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** to be [up to date](#), regardless of whether they've received any [original COVID-19 vaccines](#).
- [People aged 65 years and older](#) may get a 2nd dose of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- [People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) may get additional doses of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- [Children aged 6 months–5 years](#) may need multiple doses of COVID-19 vaccine to be [up to date](#), including at least 1 dose of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the number of doses they've previously received and their age.
- COVID-19 vaccine recommendations will be updated as needed.
- More information is available [here](#).

Implementation and plans for monitoring safety and effectiveness

- We will share more information regarding the availability of COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 18 and younger through the CVP in the coming days.
- We expect commercialized or private sector vaccines to be available to the public within the next 48 hours.
- 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.
- CDC will continue to monitor safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines by leveraging existing vaccine effectiveness platforms.

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

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