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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,

As you are likely aware, the updated “XBB” COVID-19 vaccine will be commercially available soon. Today, [the Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) deauthorized the use of the previous versions of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines](#) (Pfizer and Moderna). As such, these vaccines can no longer be ordered through the CoVP.

This deauthorization by FDA is NOT due to any safety concerns, but rather in anticipation of the updated “XBB” COVID-19 vaccine availability in the coming days. Providers should do the following:

- Appointments for the deauthorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccines must be rescheduled for when locations have the “XBB” COVID-19 vaccines available.
- Providers can discard any deauthorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccine that they currently have in inventory.
 1. REMOVE all deauthorized COVID-19 mRNA vaccine from the storage unit IMMEDIATELY. Do not give staff opportunity to administer this vaccine.
 2. If the deauthorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is inadvertently administered, it is considered a vaccine administration error and requires remediation including a VAERS report, contacting the recipient to inform them of the error, and may or may not require revaccination based on the manufacturers’ guidance. Guidance on vaccine administration errors can be found in Appendix A of the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#).
 3. DISPOSE of the deauthorized mRNA vaccine vial (with any remaining vaccine) and packaging as medical waste. Do NOT return vaccine in the thermal shipping container.
 4. REPORT all wasted vaccine doses to the CT WiZ [Helpdesk](#). Keep in mind that there are no negative consequences for reporting waste, and it will not negatively impact future vaccine orders.

We encourage you to continue offering COVID-19 vaccines through your usual vaccine supply channels. We thank you for your participation and support through the pandemic and beyond, and we look forward to a continued partnership in our efforts to keep Connecticut residents vaccinated and healthy!

We will provide information on ordering COVID-19 vaccines through the Connecticut Vaccine (pediatric) Program (CVP) once the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issues guidance on the use of the [updated vaccine](#). An [ACIP meeting is scheduled for September 12](#) to discuss future use of COVID-19 vaccines.

We will continue to send you general messaging on vaccines, vaccine recommendations, and health alerts moving forward. As always, if you would like to unsubscribe from receiving these communications, please complete [this form](#).

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