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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) and Connecticut Vaccines for Adult (CVFA) 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 [here](#).*

Dear providers,

We now have a limited supply of the updated Novavax COVID-19 vaccine available for order. Individuals 12 years of age and older previously vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine (and who have not already been vaccinated with a recently updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine) are eligible to receive one dose and unvaccinated individuals should receive two doses of Novavax vaccine.

- Novavax comes in a 5-dose, multidose vial, and ships in a carton containing 2 vials (total of 10 doses)
- Novavax is stored at standard refrigerator temperatures, between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F), until expiration
- The restitution policy for Novavax vaccine is the same for other multidose vial vaccines provided by the Immunization Program. Partially used vials would not need to be replaced as once a vial has been punctured, it cannot be transferred. If the vial has not been used and still has the full 5 doses, the vaccine would need to be transferred if it will not be used.

More information about COVID-19 vaccine recommendations is available [here](#). More information about the available vaccine formulations is available [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering**

At this time, the amount of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine available is limited; this includes all three Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine formulations: 6m–4yrs, 5yrs–11yrs, and 12+. We will be receiving more doses in the coming weeks, but do not know how many doses will be allocated. **Currently we have ample supply of both Moderna 6m–11yrs and Moderna 12+** that your clinic can order to ensure you receive the vaccines as quickly as possible and are able to begin vaccinating patients. If you prefer the Pfizer vaccines, we will try our best to fulfill your request as quickly as possible, but this could take some time depending on the allocation we receive from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While doses are on allocation, we are asking all pediatric CVP providers to submit orders via this [form](#). If you received a communication regarding ordering COVID-19 vaccine through the adult Bridge program, please use this order [form](#). Orders will be pulled daily to review and determine

fulfillment. DPH will try to send as close to the requested amount as possible and will communicate if we aren't able to ship the requested amount. Once COVID-19 vaccine is available to order in CT WiZ, another communication will be sent.

As a reminder, all Moderna COVID-19 formulations are now provided as **single dose vials**, as does Pfizer vaccines for 12+ and ages 5–11 years. Pfizer vaccine for age 6 months–4 years comes as a 3-dose, multidose vial.

Orders should typically be received within a week of when they are placed.

For anyone interested, a CT DPH [viral respiratory disease summary](#) is now available and updated weekly with respiratory viral disease surveillance and vaccination information.

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

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