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**PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

**IN YOUR PRACTICE**

**TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccine**

**FROM: Mick Bolduc-Vaccines Coordinator**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

**Connecticut Vaccine Program**

**DATE: August 20, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Tropical Storm/Hurricane Henri**

The primary purpose of this communication is to ensure that your facility is prepared for the potential impact of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Henri making landfall in Connecticut this weekend.

### **Emergency Preparedness Checklist**

There is a strong possibility that Tropical Storm/Hurricane Henri will impact Connecticut this weekend with strong winds, potentially flooding rain and power outages. All providers should take a moment to review their storage and handling practices with all relevant staff. Each practice should have a back-up protocol for vaccine recovery. Providers should take all steps necessary to safeguard the viability of their vaccine before the tropical storm/hurricane hits. Such steps include having a generator on site in case power is lost, activating your emergency back-up plan, or making arrangements with a facility that has a generator (local hospital, pharmacy, fire station, another practice, private residence etc.) to temporarily store your vaccine supply. If you do experience a power outage and do not have a generator, do not assume the vaccine is no longer viable. Instead, record the date, time and temperature and contact each vaccine manufacturer to determine if the vaccine is still good to use. **Remember do not discard or administer affected vaccines until you have discussed the viability of such vaccine with each vaccine manufacturer.** We appreciate all the time and effort you and your staff are taking to safeguard all vaccines in your possession and minimize any vaccine loss.



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As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.