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TO: Long-Term Care Facilities, and Long-Term Care Facilities (other than Skilled Nursing Facilities)

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DATE: October 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Long Term Care Facilities Booster Pharmacy Partners

Attached are correspondence for:

1. Long Term Care Facilities
2. Long-Term Care Facilities (other than Skilled Nursing Facilities)



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Good Morning Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) Administrators:

In light of the CDC's recent recommendation of Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccines for LTCF residents, we are reaching out regarding support available to connect you with LTCF pharmacy partners. As you may have already learned, CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series. Please see the full CDC booster recommendation here: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html>

CDC has developed web resources to support long-term care providers as they coordinate vaccine access. This includes access to COVID-19 booster doses, as well as continued access to the primary vaccine series. These resources include:

- A webpage explaining COVID-19 Vaccine Access in Long-Term Care Settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>
- A sub-page with specific information for long-term care administrators and managers, including options for coordinating access to COVID-19 vaccines – <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships/administrators-managers.html>

Once you have reviewed the information above, **we encourage you to respond to the weekly NHSN survey indicating what additional support, if any, you anticipate needing** to provide booster vaccines to residents and/or staff of your long-term care setting. Based on your responses, CDC will provide assistance to match you with a LTCF pharmacy if you are unable to do so.

In addition to CDC's survey, any LTCF may email our team's immunizations email to request support connecting with a pharmacy partner. Our team's email is: DPH.immunizations@ct.gov.

Thank you for your hard work protecting your LTCF residents and staff.

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- CDC's Redcap Survey that was circulated last week and closes on October 15: <https://airc.cdc.gov/surveys/?s=XD7DFKHKYHAAJRFJ>
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