October 21, 2021

Dear Providers,

As you may know, Pfizer is in the process of approval for **Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of the vaccine for pediatric patients age 5-11 years old**. The pediatric vaccine will be one third of the current adolescent/adult dose and will be a 10 mcg / 0.2 mL dose after dilution. Pediatric doses are a completely new configuration and are not interchangeable with the adult formulation. The vials will have an orange cap with orange writing on the vial itself as well as the age 5-11 years written. Please pay close attention each time you are administering a dose to ensure you have the correct presentation.

Ordering

You may begin ordering in TennIIS starting today, Thursday October 21st. The name of the vaccine is listed as: **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine - Pediatric 5 - 11 years (300)** and has a minimum order quantity of 300. Although the vaccine will not ship immediately, there is a chance that you may receive it prior to official approval from both ACIP and CDC. ***NOTE***: FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet October 26th to discuss Pfizer's submission for vaccines for 5–11-year-old children. Then, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet to discuss this issue on November 2-3. **Vaccinations for 5–11-year-olds should not begin until after CDC makes a recommendation for use, consistent with requirements in the provider agreement.**

Storage and Handling

The product will be delivered in a newly updated product shipper at -80° C. Once the product arrives at the provider site, it can be stored for up to 6 months at ultracold temperatures of -90° to -60° C and 10 weeks at refrigerated temperatures of 2° to 8° C. This product cannot be stored in a regular freezer. Please see the table at the end of this memo for additional details of Pfizer products and formulations.

Suspended Ordering for Adult Vaccine

Due to the roll out of the pediatric vaccine, ordering the 12-year-old + vaccine formulation will be on federal hold starting at 9:00am EST on Friday October 29th. Ordering will restart on Thursday November 4th . Please order the 12-year-old + vaccine formulation prior to this down time if you need additional Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Ordering Smaller Quantities

If you do not wish to order the minimum quantity of 300 doses (pediatric or adult), you can email Vaccine.Transport@tn.gov with a request for a smaller amount and we will do our best to transfer vaccine from another facility once they have vaccine in stock. Another option will be for you to utilize the DEPOT order set (COMING SOON). From the order set drop down, you will select: PFIZER COVID-19 SMALL QUANTITY ORDER. Please stay tuned for additional information regarding this process.

Thank you for being good stewards of the COVID-19 vaccine and your efforts to vaccinate Tennesseans!