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TO: Illinois COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

FROM: IDPH Immunization Section

DATE: October 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Important COVID-19 Vaccine Announcement for Immediate Review

COVID-19 vaccines for Pediatric Patients aged 5 to 11 years of age is now available in I-CARE.

Initial orders may be placed in 300 dose increments. Provider facilities that can use at least 300 doses in the first few weeks of the pandemic response for children 5 to 11 years of age should **place your pre-orders now**.

- Orders placed this week are expected to arrive 1 to 9 days after issuance of the EUA for use in children ages 5 to 11 years of age.
- Orders will be placed in an Approved-Hold status until they are ready to be transmitted to CDC.
- Order preference for initial transmission to CDC will be for Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, children's hospitals, and pediatricians.
- The above providers should place orders by 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 21, 2021 in order to receive their orders in the first wave.
- Additional provider types will be transmitted in the second and third waves of order approval.

To assure that orders can be expedited, please assure that your temperature logs, certificates of calibration, hours of operation, and inventory are up to date. All temperature excursions require that a vaccine incident report be on file.

After the first week of distribution, orders may be shipped in 100 dose increments. Facilities that can use at least 100 but less than 300 doses may also place pre-orders at this time. These orders will be held for the next phase.

Provider facilities, regardless of their priority, that do not need at least 100 doses of vaccine are encouraged to contact their local health department or other typical sources for vaccine redistribution.



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As the pediatric response progresses, facilities with unneeded doses are encouraged to post these doses on the [State Vaccine Reallocation Tool](#).

Chain pharmacies will be receiving their initial doses from the Federal Pharmacy Partnership and do not need to order through IDPH

Thank you for your help and for all you do to protect our patients from vaccine preventable disease.

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