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TO: COVID-19 Vaccine Providers
FROM: Louisiana Department of Health
SUBJECT: Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Again Available for Ordering and Pfizer Minimum Direct Shipment Size Increased

**Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Again Available for Ordering**

Beginning today, Monday 8/23/2021, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine will once again be available for provider ordering. Please be aware that available quantities of the J&J vaccine might be limited, so large order requests may have quantities reduced by the Program.

**Direct Pfizer Orders from the Manufacturer – Shipment Size Increase**

The Immunization Program wants to let COVID-19 vaccination providers know that the minimum available Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine order configuration for a direct shipment from the manufacturer is now back to 1,170 doses (this does NOT apply to smaller orders placed in the LINKS system). Previously, the direct minimum order of Pfizer vaccine was 450 doses for a short period. The 1,170-dose Pfizer shipment includes a single tray that holds 195 vials.

Reminders related to the direct shipment from Pfizer:

- Pfizer shipments are delivered ultra-cold (-70 degrees Celsius)
- May be stored in ULT freezer until the expiration date, or temporary in the shipper with regular dry ice replenishment
- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine vials may remain frozen at -20 degrees Celsius for up to 2 weeks
- Pfizer COVID-19 undiluted vaccine vials may remain refrigerated for up to one month
- Total storage time for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in freezer and refrigerator should not exceed 45 days.

Please refer to CDC’s Storage and Handling Summary: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/storage-summary.pdf

Of course, all providers can continue to order as few as six doses of Pfizer vaccine through LINKS using the state contracted vaccine redistributor, Morris & Dickson.

Should you need any assistance with ordering or if you would like to receive additional support on LINKS vaccine ordering, please submit your request to La.Links@la.gov, or contact your Regional Immunization Consultant listed on the homepage of LINKS.