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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**

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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.