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DAL: NH 23-25
Subject: Weekly Reports re: Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Status

Dear Nursing Home Operators and Administrators:

The purpose of this letter is to inform providers of new data that will continue to be updated and distributed weekly to all New York State nursing homes as previously referenced in DAL: NH 23-20. As the New York State Department of Health (“Department”) continues to recognize COVID-19 as an ongoing threat to the health of long-term care facility residents and staff, this weekly update is being issued as a Dear Administrator Letter (DAL) and will detail the weekly vaccination efforts of our nursing homes. We expect that all nursing homes will take the necessary steps to offer and administer the updated vaccine to all consenting residents and health care personnel, in accordance with 10 NYCRR § 66-4.1(a-c).

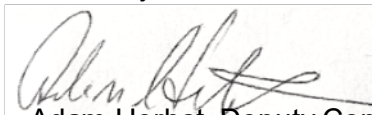
As of 11/14/2023:

- The total number of residents in New York State nursing homes is **97,175**.
- The total number of consenting New York State nursing home residents who are awaiting administration of the updated COVID-19 vaccine is **11,426**. This accounts for **12%** of the total number of residents in New York State nursing homes. The Department’s goal is to increase this number substantially by Thanksgiving 2023.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccinations administered to nursing home residents in New York State since **9/15/2023** is **15,952**.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccines administered to nursing home residents in New York State in the previous seven days is **3,702**. This accounts for **23%** of the total number of vaccines administered to nursing home residents since 9/15/2023.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes reporting is **603**.
- The total number of New York State nursing homes that administered the updated COVID-19 vaccine to residents since 9/15/2023 is **295**. This accounts for 49% of the total number of New York State nursing homes. The Department’s goal is to increase this number substantially by Thanksgiving 2023.

Please note that co-administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines is safe and effective and endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For more information, please visit [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#) and [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00498 | Increased Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Activity in Parts of the Southeastern United States: New Prevention Tools Available to Protect Patients \(cdc.gov\)](#).

If you have any concerns or barriers to administering the vaccine, or any questions regarding this correspondence, please send an email to: covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Adam Herbst".

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