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Subject: Biweekly 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 be updated and distributed to all New York State nursing homes on a biweekly cadence moving forward. 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 update will detail the vaccination efforts of our nursing homes.

As of 12/19/2023:

- The total number of residents in New York State nursing homes is **97,052**.
- The total number of consenting New York State nursing home residents who are awaiting administration of the updated COVID-19 vaccine is **8,241**. This accounts for 8.5% of the total number of residents in New York State nursing homes.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccinations administered to nursing home residents in New York State since **09/15/2023** is **37,833**.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccines administered to nursing home residents in New York State in the **previous seven days** is **3,424**. This accounts for 9.1% of the total number of vaccines administered to nursing home residents since 09/15/2023.
- 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 09/15/2023 is **538**. This accounts for 89% of the total number of New York State nursing homes.

The Department will continue to extend its efforts to contact nursing homes that have not yet reported vaccinations to understand the potential factors contributing to this concern.

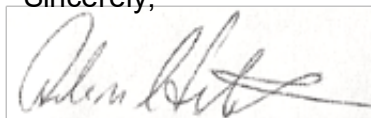
Please note that co-administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines is safe and effective and endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, please visit [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#) and [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00498 | Increased Respiratory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

We expect that all nursing homes take the necessary steps to offer and administer the updated vaccine to all consenting residents and health care personnel, in accordance with Title 10 of New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, section 66-4.1(a-c).

Please submit any questions regarding this correspondence to:

covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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