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Dear Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility Operators and Administrators:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the ongoing requirement to make booster doses of the Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna and Janssen COVID-19 vaccines available for all residents within your facilities. On November 19, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized a single booster dose six months or more after Pfizer or Moderna initial series of COVID-19 vaccines, and two months or more after a single-dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, for all individuals.

Pursuant to [10 NYCRR §§ 66-4.1](#) nursing homes must ensure that all residents, once eligible, have an opportunity to receive an appropriate booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine and pursuant to [10 NYCRR §§ 66-4.2](#), adult care facilities must make diligent efforts to arrange for all eligible residents to register for an appointment to receive their booster dose. As required by regulation, nursing homes and adult care facilities must keep proper documentation of those residents who are eligible but decline to receive a booster dose.

Questions or concerns regarding this correspondence can be addressed to covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov or covidadultcareinfo@health.ny.gov based on the specific facility.

Sincerely,

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