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DAL: NH 23-28
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.

As of 12/05/2023:

- The total number of residents in NYS nursing homes is **96,991**.
- The total number of consenting NYS nursing home residents who are awaiting administration of the updated COVID-19 vaccine is **9,206**. This accounts for **9%** of the total number of residents in NYS nursing homes.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccinations administered to nursing home residents in NYS since **9/15/2023** is **30,677**.
- The total number of updated COVID-19 vaccines administered to nursing home residents in NYS in the **previous seven days** is **4,741**. This accounts for **15%** of the total number of vaccines administered to nursing home residents since 9/15/2023.
- The total number of NYS nursing homes reporting is **603**.
- The total number of NYS nursing homes that administered the updated COVID-19 vaccine to residents since 9/15/2023 is **490**. This accounts for **81%** of the total number of NYS nursing homes.

The Department will extend its efforts to reach out to 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 (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 \(cdc.gov\)](#).

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 10 NYCRR § 66-4.1(a-c)]. Please submit any further questions regarding this correspondence to: covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Herbst", is centered on the page.

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