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TO: COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Site Vaccine Coordinators

FROM: Division of Immunization Services

DATE: February 11, 2021

**RE: PFIZER MULTI-DOSE VIALS OF COVID-19 VACCINE ARE NOW
CONSIDERED 6-DOSE VIALS INSTEAD OF 5-DOSE VIALS**

Effective Monday, February 15, 2021, Pfizer multi-dose vials of COVID-19 vaccine are officially considered as 6-dose vials instead of 5-dose vials. This change impacts all providers receiving and administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

This change impacts dose allocations, second dose ordering, and inventory management. The change to 6-dose vials will be reflected in VAMS. Starting Monday, February 15, 2021, this change must be reflected when entering inventory daily into VAMS and Vaccine Finder. Ancillary supplies included with the Pfizer vaccine will be increased accordingly.

In addition, providers are now required to report a vaccine "wastage" for each instance in which a vial yields only 5 doses (or fewer) within 24 hours. Please use the attached COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage Report Form (also available from DHHR's [COVID-19 Providers](#) web page) to report, selecting reason code 1. Submit the completed form via email to COVIDVaccinationProg@wv.gov.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage Form should also be used to report any other incidents where vaccine is unused, spoiled, expired or otherwise wasted within 24 hours, using the appropriate reason code.

Thank you for your continued dedication during the pandemic. If you have questions about this process, you may contact the Division of Immunization Services at COVIDVaccinationProg@wv.gov.