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**TO:** Points of Dispensing participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program  
**FROM:** Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A. Commissioner   
**SUBJECT:** Revised Inventory Expectations for 'Open' COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing

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This memo serves to provide updated guidance about inventory management in the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccination effort.

At this time, New Jersey is pivoting to maximizing coverage for all who live, work, or are educated in New Jersey. In recognition that more time and effort may be required to connect with patients, their families, and their communities who have yet to participate in vaccination, inventory on-hand will no longer be a determining factor in continued participation and future allocations.

This is an update to the guidance issued January 22, 2021: [Expectations for 'Open' COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing \(https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Expectations\\_ofOpenPoints\\_ofDispensing.pdf\)](https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/COVID-19_Vaccination_Expectations_ofOpenPoints_ofDispensing.pdf).

Second doses should continue to be administered at the appropriate interval (e.g. 21 days for Pfizer and 28 days for Moderna).

Inventory on-hand must be properly stored and handled. Please alert the New Jersey Department of Health if there are doses nearing the expiration date.

Our current goal to fully vaccinate 70% of the eligible population by the end of June 2021 remains in place, and your continued efforts in maintaining the pace of vaccination is critical.

Thank you for your partnership in this initiative. Please share this information with all the appropriate staff in your vaccination program. Points of dispensing may contact the New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Operations Center at [Vax.Operations@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Vax.Operations@doh.nj.gov) with any further questions.