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Update: Pfizer Multi-Dose Vials

FDA and CDC have shared updated information regarding the number of doses in multi-dose Pfizer vials. IDPH is recommending following FDA and CDC guidance, and we will share any updated information as it is made available.

Per CDC, FDA is aware of the issue and working with Pfizer to determine the best path forward and will share additional updates when available. At this time, given the public health emergency, FDA is advising that it is acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending resolution of the issue. However, since these are preservative free vials, it is critical to note that any further remaining liquid that does not constitute a full dose should not be pooled from multiple vials to create one.

IDPH is awaiting guidance from CDC for reporting inventory and will share that as it is available. Until updated guidance is available, please continue to report unused vials as containing five doses.