Dear Colleague,

In-home COVID-19 vaccination is now available to all New Yorkers age 12 and older. Please let patients know they can get a COVID-19 vaccine in the comfort of their home.

**Expanding access to vaccines:** Currently, only 63% of adults in New York City (and just over half of all NYC residents) are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For many New Yorkers, getting vaccinated at a site is more difficult due to disabilities, lack of transportation, work schedules, not knowing where to get vaccinated, and childcare or other obligations. The City’s in-home vaccination program allows New Yorkers age 12 and older to get life-saving COVID-19 vaccines and can reduce racial and ethnic inequities in vaccine coverage.

**How to request an in-home vaccination:** People can sign up for in-home vaccination at nyc.gov/homevaccine (not accessible on Internet Explorer) or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). Health care personnel who want to assist patients can help them fill out the online form or schedule a home appointment by calling 877-VAX-4NYC and pressing 2 at the second prompt. When scheduling, patients will be asked if other people in the household age 12 and older would like a vaccination during the home visit.

**What in-home vaccination involves:** An experienced clinical team will visit the person’s home at a pre-scheduled date and time, administer the vaccine, and observe the person during post-vaccination safety monitoring. People can choose to receive the two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine or one-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine.

**A provider’s recommendation is the strongest predictor a patient will get vaccinated:** Reach out to all unvaccinated patients age 12 and older to encourage vaccination. Aim to initiate discussions about COVID-19 vaccination at every patient encounter. For ideas on how to incorporate COVID-19 vaccination discussions into your practice, see our COVID-19 Vaccine Use Every Opportunity Campaign Implementation Tool.

**Help increase access to COVID-19 vaccines:** Let patients know about in-home and other options for COVID-19 vaccination. Offer vaccination at your facility by enrolling in the COVID-19 vaccine program or help patients schedule an appointment or find a walk-in site at vaccinefinder.nyc.gov or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC. See COVID-19 Vaccination Resources for more information on how to assist your patients to get vaccinated.

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