



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Nuevo! [Sitio web en Español](#) para participantes del programa de vacunas COVID

Townhall recording available

Hear updates on the vaccine program, COVID-19 and flu test kits, and more from *Good Neighbor Pharmacy*.

[Watch now](#)

AMA announces update to COVID-19 vaccine CPT codes

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The American Medical Association (AMA) today announced that the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set has been updated by the CPT Editorial Panel to include vaccine and administration codes that are unique to a new formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer. The new formulation is based on a tris-sucrose buffer rather than the phosphate buffer present in the original formulation. [READ MORE](#)

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Important! VaccineFinder reporting reminder

The CDC has notified us that there are several hundred program participants who have not updated VaccineFinder recently. Remember that VaccineFinder inventory reporting is a CDC requirement for participation in the COVID-19 vaccine program. Reporting should be done under your FEDERAL login. You no longer need to report inventory on your VaccineFinder state login. Also, take time to make sure your VaccineFinder listing is accurate.

How do I report my inventory to VaccineFinder?

Review the detailed steps outlined in the “Mandatory Reporting” section of the [Allocation Guide](#). A summary of these steps has also been pasted here:

- Log in to VaccineFinder: <https://covid.locating.health/login>, then click the “Log Manually” tab.
- You may see two store names listed. Select the name with this format: Pharmacy Name #NCPDP. (Ex: AB Pharmacy #1234567)
- Select the “Edit” button in the header bar. Enter the number of doses on-hand on the text boxes. Once entered, select “Done.”
- **Notes:** Any Eligible Pharmacy location receiving COVID-19 Vaccine must report supply levels within VaccineFinder **daily**. Even if you don’t administer any doses on a given day, you must still report your inventory to VaccineFinder. **If you don’t have any inventory, report your current inventory as zero. Once you’ve reported your inventory as zero, you don’t need to report daily again until you receive another shipment of COVID-19 vaccine.**
- Need help? Email vaccinefinder@castlighthouse.com or call 855-886-4317.

Success story: Michigan pharmacist teams up with Small Business Association to increase state vaccination rates

Austin Brown of Advanced Care Provider Network in Jackson, Michigan recently partnered with the Michigan Small Business Association (SBAM) to reach communities with lower vaccination rates and get as many shots in arms as possible. The SBAM had spoken to doctors and EMTs, but then decided to try to work with the most accessible healthcare providers in the US, pharmacists. “One thing led to another, and the next thing I know I’ve got a full-blown camera crew setting up shop in the pharmacy. It was a lot of fun!” says Austin.



The crew helped Austin film a video targeted to vaccine-hesitant people -- educating them on the vaccine and the trusted care that their community pharmacist provides. The [video](#) was posted on YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, and other channels. “From there, things really took off. SBAM worked with their market partners to put together a wide scale advertising campaign on TV, radio, and social media.”

The campaign results are impressive: More than 2.5 million impressions on Facebook and Instagram, almost 900,000 TikTok impressions, and more than a million Google/YouTube impressions so far.



New to the COVID-19 vaccine program? Please read these reminders

Implementation guide

Our in-depth [implementation guide](#) provides everything you need to know about running a successful and compliant COVID-19 vaccination program at your pharmacy.

Timing and ordering process

Pharmacies must request COVID-19 vaccine allocation by [following this process through ABC Order](#). Requests submitted by Mondays at 12pm EST should arrive to your pharmacy by Thursday of that same week. Any requests received after Mondays at 12pm EST will be fulfilled the following week. Order fulfillment is subject to availability.

Point-of-Care Testing coming soon

Keep an eye on communications in the coming weeks for information about Point-of-Care Testing!

Tell us your story!

Is your pharmacy doing anything **special or innovative** to vaccinate the most vulnerable patients in your community? Do you have any tips to provide your peers on how you are combatting vaccine hesitancy among your patients? If so, we want to hear about it! Your story may be featured in an upcoming issue of this newsletter, and on our Fearless Pharmacy website! Tell us your story by emailing COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com.

Questions? Continue to work with your Business Coach or Sales Executive if you have questions. Questions can be sent to COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com.