



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

CDC Recommends Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11 Years

Yesterday the CDC endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. CDC now expands vaccine recommendations to about 28 million children in the United States in this age group and allows providers to begin vaccinating them as soon as possible. [Read the full press media statement.](#)

Please note that the current Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine you have should NOT be used for administering to children ages 5 through 11 years. Pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is being shipped to jurisdictions now and will arrive next week. [Read the updated Pfizer factsheet](#)
[View the Pfizer pediatric reference table](#)

Administer specific pediatric Pfizer vaccines to pediatric patients

Do not vaccinate pediatric patients with vaccines that are not specifically designated as Pfizer pediatric vaccines. This is a separate vaccine needed in order to vaccinate pediatric patients.

The Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine is open for requests on the COVID-19 portal in ABC Order with all other available vaccines. Please be careful in selecting the correct product and verify your request in the confirmation email. Contact COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com immediately if you place an incorrect request. Please note that orders placed by noon ET Wednesday will be delivered the following week. This is a shift from the previously order cutoff of noon ET on Mondays. Delivery days and times could be dependent on supply and other factors.

Pfizer pediatric vials and upcoming trainings

- Pediatric Pfizer vials will have a colored band on top of the label.
- **Orange cap and band** = 5 through 11 years of age
- **Purple cap and band** = 12 years of age and older
- Providers should check the label multiple times to ensure they are using the correct formulation for the age of the recipient.
- We highly encourage asking another staff person to check the label to be sure the correct one is being used to prevent an error.

Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine training sessions

Date & Time	Password
Attendee link – November 4 – 12 PM ET	Y4ZkXdh2bz7
Attendee link – November 5 – 12 PM ET	rJSpNPts332

Video: Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccinations in Community Pharmacies

Are you ready to start immunizing ages 5-11 for COVID-19? Learn how to get ready. This video will cover the quick basics of administration from staff training to distractions to decorating for clinics. Our speaker, Maria Lopez, is a champion immunizer and pharmacy owner with lots of great practical information to share.

[Watch the video](#) to learn more.

Webinar: Expanding on COVID-19 immunizations: The pediatric population

Webinar date: November 4th, 8pm ET

Speakers:

- Beverly Schaefer, Owner, Katterman’s Sandpoint Pharmacy, the “Vaccine Queen”
- Kelly Goode, Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science, VCU School of Pharmacy

[Registration link](#)

Important VaccineFinder clarification: Report daily even when no vaccines were administered

Did you know that you need to update VaccineFinder daily, even when a COVID-19 vaccine has not been administered that day? This is a CDC requirement: COVID-19 vaccine providers must report each day whether a vaccine was administered or not.

If you have received a VaccineFinder reporting reminder email, it is important to begin reporting. Pharmacies that do not consistently report daily to VaccineFinder, as per CDC requirements, will be placed on hold and will be unable to order additional vaccine until reporting is validated. Email vaccinefinder@castlighthhealth.com for assistance or call 855-886-4317.

Moderna COVID-19 booster resources

Training Webinar: Important updates on the mRNA-1273 50 µg Booster Dose

- Thursday, November 4th at 3pm ET – [Register here for Nov 4](#)
- Thursday, November 11th at 12pm ET – [Register here for Nov 11](#)

[Moderna Letter to Providers](#)

[Moderna storage and handling](#)

[Moderna Wastage Reporting and Tables](#)

[Moderna Shelf-Life Look up tool](#)

CDC Required reporting: Weekly report on LTC vaccinations

The CDC is requiring that partner pharmacies report weekly if they are administering COVID-19 vaccines at LTC clinics. Please provide the required report [here](#) each week.

Quarterly Attestations coming October 29

One of the CDC federal partnership program requirements is a quarterly attestation process for pharmacies. Quarterly attestations must be returned to AmerisourceBergen by November 14. Contact COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com if you need assistance.

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