



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Updated ordering/delivery cadence for all vaccines

Please note that regular delivery schedules have changed for all vaccine orders. Orders placed by noon ET Wednesday will be delivered the following week. This is a change from the previously order cutoff of noon ET on Mondays. Also, delivery days and times could be dependent on supply and other factors. **Please also see the special Thanksgiving ordering and delivery cadence information below.**

Submit holiday orders early! Thanksgiving Holiday Cadence

Pharmacies should plan to order COVID-19 vaccines by noon on Tuesday, November 23 -- prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Orders will not be delivered over the Thanksgiving holiday and will resume Monday, November 29.

CDC Updates

Administration data

The pharmacy channel continues to excel at vaccine administrations and all eyes are on this channel. Please make every effort to submit data in a timely manner so it is included in this important initiative.

Co-administration of COVID-19 pediatric vaccine and flu vaccine

- [Frequently Asked Influenza \(Flu\) Questions: 2021-2022 Season | CDC](#)
- Additional guidance online regarding co-admin can be found in the clinical considerations: [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

Pediatric Vaccine Ancillary kits only contain 1" needles to follow ACIP guidance – more details below.

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends a 22-25 gauge 1-inch needle when administering a vaccine by intramuscular injection to children 1 year of age and older. Vaccine administration guidelines are outlined here [ACIP Vaccine Administration Guidelines for Immunization | CDC](#) and a chart summarizing needle length recommendations can be found here [Vaccine Administration: Needle Gauge and Length \(cdc.gov\)](#) Of note: A copy of this chart is included in each ancillary supplies kit.

Letter from Departments of Education and HHS on schools and COVID-19 vaccination for children 5-11 years old

- The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services sent a joint [letter](#) to school officials.

Quarterly Attestations due November 14

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.

Moderna round table for boosters

Join Moderna and Dr. Jerome Adams, Dr. Lauren B Angelo & Dr. Jaime E Fergie for a round table to discuss the EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose, the data that informed this authorization and recommendation, and the impact on clinical practice.

Round Table:

- November 18 at 3:00 PM ET – [Register here](#)

Additional Moderna resources:

- The Moderna Call Center is available from 8am to 8pm EST, Monday through Friday, and can be reached at 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762).
- [Fact Sheet](#) for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers) and Full EUA Prescribing Information
- [EUA Letter of Authorization](#)
- [Dear HCP Letter](#)

Caremark guidance on pediatric COVID-19 vaccine billing

Read the notice [here](#).

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 or call 855-886-4317 for assistance with access to your account.

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.

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