



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Submit holiday orders by Tuesday! Thanksgiving Holiday Cadence

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

In this short video Jenni Zilka, SVP - Community & Specialty Pharmacy & President - *Good Neighbor Pharmacy*, explains why we are so thankful for you and everything you do to keep your communities safe and healthy.

[Watch the video](#)

CDC expands eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots to all adults

On Friday, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) expanded recommendations for booster shots to include all adults ages 18 years and older who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six months after their second dose.

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) authorization and CDC's recommendation for use are critical next steps forward in our country's booster program – a program which will help provide increased protection against COVID-19 disease and death.

[Additional information](#)

CDC Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) Resources Information and Resources

CDC issued Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) and updated its [clinical considerations](#) to allow the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech to be given as an additional primary dose or booster dose to certain people who completed a vaccine primary series with certain COVID-19 vaccines that are not authorized or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This ensures that eligible people who were vaccinated outside of the U.S. with these vaccines, or who received certain non-FDA authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines through participation in some clinical trials, can get an additional primary dose or booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

[EUI Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet and EUI Recipient/Caregiver Fact Sheet Updated Clinical Considerations](#)

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 above.

Follow federal guidance for all vaccine administrations

All COVID-19 vaccine administrations should be performed according to federal guidance, and should not be administered if the order is against federal guidance. Examples of orders against federal guidance include ordering the wrong vaccine for the patient's age (such as Moderna for a 14-year-old) or ordering a vaccine for a patient who is not eligible due to age, etc. Pharmacies should inform the patient and provider of the correct guidance if they receive an order from a prescriber that is not in alignment with current CDC guidelines. Please refer to the CDC clinical guidance here.

[CDC clinical guidance](#)

CDC Updates

- CDC will be launching a dashboard for vaccine administrators to report pediatric vaccinations at school clinics like the current dashboard to report vaccine

administrations in LTC settings. We will inform participants as soon as this is available.

- A new Pfizer formula will be coming out soon with smaller package sizes. Be on the lookout for more information in ABC Order.

NBC Nightly News features Elevate advisory board member who gets kids comfortable with the COVID-19 vaccine

The *NBC Nightly News* with Lester Holt recently featured Elevate advisory board member and *Good Neighbor Pharmacy* owner, Chichi Ilonzo Momah from Springfield Pharmacy (Springfield, PA) during the “Inspiring America” segment. The story focuses on Chichi’s heroic efforts throughout the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and highlights the work she has been doing with COVID-19 pediatric vaccines. Since the vaccines were approved for kids ages 5-11, Chichi has been hosting clinic carnivals to make the space fun and inviting for children – she even dresses up as Elastigirl from *The Incredibles* ! This is another prime example of the incredible value our members deliver to their communities, and how essential you are to our healthcare system. Watch here

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Reminder: Administer only 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 available by request 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.

Quarterly Attestations were due November 14

One of the CDC federal partnership program requirements is a quarterly attestation process for pharmacies. Quarterly attestations were due November 14. Contact COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com if you need assistance in getting your quarterly attestation completed.

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.