



## Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Sitio web en Español para participantes del programa de vacunas COVID



### Thank you for helping us deliver 4 million doses!

As of last week, we have shipped more than four million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to you, our pharmacy partners. As we close the book on 2021, all of us here at AmerisourceBergen, *Good Neighbor Pharmacy*, and Elevate Provider Network want to express our gratitude for all that you have done, are doing, and will continue to do. You are *#fearlesspharmacy* at its finest. As we head into a new phase of this pandemic with the potential for pharmacies to test, diagnose and treat COVID-19 with oral antivirals, we know that our independent pharmacy members will shine bright in 2022.

### AmerisourceBergen selected by Georgia for HHS COVID-19 Therapeutic Dispensing Program

*Good Neighbor Pharmacy*/AmerisourceBergen was selected by the state of Georgia as a network administrator for the HHS COVID-19 Therapeutic Dispensing Program. Current vaccine program participants in Georgia received additional details and new therapeutic agreements by email last week. As we are selected by other states/locations, we will update you and will continue to provide additional information on the Therapeutic Dispensing program as we learn more.

#### **Tell us if you would be interested in participating**

If your pharmacy would be interested in participating in the antiviral program, please fill

out this [brief form](#). We are only matched with Georgia at this time, but other states may want to partner with us in the coming weeks and the survey results will be shared to demonstrate reach of the network.

## CDC endorses ACIP's updated COVID-19 vaccine recommendations

Today, CDC is endorsing updated recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the prevention of COVID-19, expressing a clinical preference for individuals to receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine over Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. ACIP's unanimous recommendation followed a robust discussion of the latest evidence on vaccine effectiveness, vaccine safety and rare adverse events, and consideration of the U.S. vaccine supply. The U.S. supply of mRNA vaccines is abundant – with nearly 100 million doses in the field for immediate use. This updated CDC recommendation follows similar recommendations from other countries, including Canada and the United Kingdom. Given the current state of the pandemic both here and around the world, the ACIP reaffirmed that receiving any vaccine is better than being unvaccinated. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine will continue to have access to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine.

### **The following is attributable to CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky**

*"We have made important strides in the year since the COVID-19 vaccination program started. More than 200 million Americans have completed their primary vaccine series, providing protection against COVID-19, preventing millions of cases and hospitalizations, and saving over a million lives. Today's updated recommendation emphasizes CDC's commitment to provide real-time scientific information to the American public. I continue to encourage all Americans to get vaccinated and boosted."*

## Smaller Pfizer COVID19 Vaccine Minimum Order Quantity Available 12/21!

Starting 12/21, a new formulation of Pfizer vaccine for adults/adolescents will be available for request. This formulation involves some changes to ordering and handling:

- Pfizer Tris-sucrose Adult Formulation will have a distinctive GRAY cap and:
  - Will be available in smaller 300-dose configurations.
  - Does not require diluent.
  - May be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F) for up to 10 weeks.
  - Can be used on individuals 12 years of age and older.

At 1pm EST on 12/21, pharmacies will no longer be able to request Pfizer COVID19 Vaccine in the 1170 dose pack size. All requests after 1pm on 12/21 will be for Pfizer's new Tris formulation with a 300 doses minimum order quantity. Requests received for Pfizer's new Tris formulation after 1pm EST on 12/21 will be sent to the CDC on 12/30 for arrival at your pharmacy no later than 1/4/22.

Please refer to the [CDC dosing and administration page](#) for the most up-to-date information.

## Are you selecting the correct COVID-19 vaccine NDC in your pharmacy system?

Please remember to carefully select the correct COVID-19 vaccine NDC in your pharmacy system. **Double-check that the NDC selected is for the correct dose (pediatric or adult) and matches the correct vaccine brand administered.**

## Christmas and New Year's Day holiday ordering and delivery cadence

Please note that over the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there will be no deliveries. **Please plan in advance to order vaccine supply by Wednesday, December 15:**

- No deliveries Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27.
- No deliveries Thursday, December 30 through Tuesday, January 4.

## Delivery schedule

Due to the Holidays, vaccine order and delivery dates will change. In order to ensure you have enough vaccine when you need it, please refer to below.

Request After	Request Before	Placed with CDC	Anticipated Moderna/JNJ Delivery	Anticipated Pfizer Deliver
12:00pm EST Wed 12/8/21	11:59am EST Tues 12/14/21	Wed 12/15/21	Fri 12/17/21 or Mon 12/20/21	Mon 12/20/21-Wed 12/22/21
12:00pm EST Tues 12/14/21	11:59am EST Tues 12/21/21	Wed 12/22/21	Tues 12/28/21 or Wed 12/29/21	Wed 12/29/21, Wed 1/5/22, Thurs 1/6/22
12:00pm EST Tues 12/21/21	11:59am EST Tues 12/28/21	Wed 12/29/21	Wed 1/5/21 or Thurs 1/6/21	Wed 1/5/22, Thurs 1/6/22, Fri 1/7/22

Back to regular schedule				
12:00 EST Tues 12/28/21	11:59pm EST Wed 1/5/22	Thurs 1/6/21	Fri 1/7 or Mon 1/10	Mon 1/10 - Wed 1/12

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## December 2021 Holiday Delivery Schedule

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
13	14	15 Order Day	16	17	18/19
20	21 Delivery Day	22 Order Day	23 No Deliveries	24 No Deliveries	25/26 No Deliveries
27 No Deliveries	28 Delivery Day	29 Order Day	30 No Deliveries	31 No Deliveries	1/2 January No Deliveries
3 No Deliveries	4 No Deliveries	5 Delivery Day	6 Normal Order Day	7	8/9

## Updates and activities

- Access a new in-depth video that reviews [COVID-19 Multidose Vial Technique](#).
- Earn CPE and learn the latest information about the [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose](#).
- Help your teams with vaccine confidence – APhA’s [Vaccine Confident](#) website features:
  - Information about the [drivers for vaccine confidence](#)
  - Information for pharmacists and patients about [how the drugs were developed](#), and [how they work](#)
  - [Resources to build vaccine confidence in your patients and others](#)
  - Webinars and other education activities
  - [Video testimonials of pharmacists at their practice sites](#), talking about how they discuss vaccine concerns with their patients
  - [Pharmacist success stories](#)
- Find timely, concise information in our [pharmacists' guide to coronavirus](#)

- [APhA's Education During COVID-19](#) is a library of approved CPE for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

## Reporting updates and reminders

### School clinic weekly report

To capture the breadth of the work pharmacy partners are doing to support schools, CDC is asking that pharmacies submit to us on a weekly basis the information as indicated in [this brief form](#).

### Why you should report to VaccineFinder daily

You may wonder why it's important to report to VaccineFinder each day, even when you haven't administered any vaccines that day. Not only is it a CDC requirement, but it's also **helping showcase the importance of independent pharmacy**. The CDC reports your daily VaccineFinder data to the White House, illustrating the impact that the pharmacy channel is having in the nationwide vaccination effort. If the vaccine administration quantities are not updated, the impact of our independent pharmacies is not being accurately reflected. **CDC requires that participating pharmacies update VaccineFinder daily, even when a COVID-19 vaccine has not been administered that day.**

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@castlighthouse.com](mailto:vaccinefinder@castlighthouse.com) or call 855-886-4317 for assistance with access to your account.

### LTC vaccinations weekly report

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.

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### Marketing opt-out form

As part of the AmerisourceBergen Federal Pharmacy Partnership Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccinations, *Good Neighbor Pharmacy* members receive marketing support through their existing marketing channels including the My GNP.com COVID-19 vaccine pharmacy locator, My GNP mobile app, MyGNP.com local pages, and Google Search

Advertising. If you do not wish to receive marketing support through these channels, you may opt-out by completing [this form](#).

**Questions?** Continue to work with your Business Coach or Sales Executive if you have questions. Questions can also be sent to [COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com](mailto:COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com).