



Federal Pharmacy Partnership Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccination

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Readiness update: Have you completed all the requirements to receive COVID-19 vaccine allocation?

We're encouraged by the number of our Federal Partnership Program participating pharmacies that have completed all the necessary readiness steps. These pharmacies are prepared to quickly deploy for a Phase 1 opportunity if it becomes available and are fully ready to participate in Phase 2 when it launches.

We still have hundreds of participating pharmacies that are missing one or more of the readiness requirements. *At this time, due to our CDC agreement, we would not be able to allocate vaccine product to those pharmacies who have not completed all the required steps.*

What are the necessary readiness steps? Read previous newsletters and view our Implementation Guide here for details:

- [Previous newsletters](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Guide](#)

The highest priority steps are summarized below:

- **Immunization Information System (IIS) setup**
- **Completion of mandatory [CDC Training through GNPUniversity](#)**
- **VaccineFinder Onboarding**

If your VaccineFinder onboarding link is expired, or if you experience technical issues with your VaccineFinder account, please email vaccinefinder@castlighthhealth.com or call 855-886-4317. Include your store name, NCPCP, and include that you're taking part in the Federal Partnership Program with *Good Neighbor Pharmacy* and AmerisourceBergen.

- **Scheduling tool** – The CDC is requiring appointments for all COVID19 vaccinations.

Phase 2 update

We are continuing to work closely with the CDC on our Phase 2 partnership which is progressing on track. We still do not have a firm Phase 2 launch date, but we know that the timing between the announced launch date and the rollout of vaccine shipments to our participating pharmacies will be rapid. **You need to be ready before the announcement that our pharmacies will receive allocation.** *We continue to urge any of our participating members who have not yet completed all the readiness steps necessary to receive vaccine allocation to do so at once.*

When the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program is initiated, program participants will be notified via email at the primary email address indicated on the survey response. The CDC will set aside allocation for AmerisourceBergen on behalf of the Federal Partnership and AmerisourceBergen will provide each individual pharmacy's allocated quantities back to the CDC. Shipment information will be sent directly to program participants after the allocation order is submitted to the CDC by AmerisourceBergen. Vaccine inventory will be shipped by the CDC contracted distributor directly to the program participants. AmerisourceBergen will not control the ship days, and AmerisourceBergen will not be shipping vaccine inventory to your pharmacy.

Each pharmacy's allocation will be based on factors including appropriate storage capacity, daily immunization capacity, active patients, geography, and other factors. Program participants were asked for the hours and days that product could be received, as well as storage capacities at specific temperatures, and daily administration capability as part of the COVID-19 Program Survey, and that information has been shared with the CDC to facilitate shipping logistics and allocation.

NOTE: You will not have the ability to order COVID-19 vaccines directly from the CDC or through ABC Order. The program and contract process are designed for pharmacies who are ready to receive the vaccine on the day the vaccine is available to ship. It should also be noted that you will not be able to choose which vaccine you receive, but you will not be allocated any vaccine product that you don't have the ability to store or administer.

Resources

Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#) regularly for the latest resources and past issues of this newsletter. Be sure to refresh the browser after opening each resource to ensure you are viewing the most up-to-date version.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement Guide](#) from NCPA
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Guide](#)
- [CDC Required COVID-19 Vaccine Training Access Guide](#)
- [COVID-19 Program FAQ](#)
- [COVID-19 Marketing Resources and Updates](#)
- Elevate members can also access marketing materials in the [Patient Engagement Center](#)

Have questions?

Please continue to reach out to COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com with questions. If for any reason you no longer wish to participate in our Federal Network Administrator program, please email your sales executive.