



Get ready for vaccination with these updates

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UPDATE: Continued Expansion of Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership

The CDC significantly expanded the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership this week—which allowed us to continue to expand program participation, as we received a significant increase in COVID-19 Vaccine allocation. We are thrilled to be able to pull many of our participating pharmacies forward to receive COVID-19 vaccine allocation—by the end of this week we will have over 1,000 active pharmacies in 28 states (Pharmacies selected to receive product this week were selected based on CDC state expansion, social vulnerability and readiness criteria and were notified via email.)

We are pleased that the Biden administration continues to value the impact of pharmacies on this critical public health initiative and has announced plans to more than double the number of pharmacies offering coronavirus vaccines soon. We continue to be optimistic about increased supply in the coming weeks. While we don't know the exact timing, we **do** know is that once we're notified about increased allocation for our program, the turnaround is extremely quick, **less than 24 hours**, for stores that are pulled forward to receive product. This is why it continues to be critical to have all readiness steps completed in order to be considered for allocation. Please read additional information below about these requirements.

If you do not believe your pharmacy will be able to receive vaccine inventory within 24 hours' notice for any reason, please email COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com with a request to be placed on hold, or to unenroll in the program. Include store name and NCPDP in these requests.

It is important to note that even as product availability increases, all product remains under the direction of the CDC, with input from the local jurisdictions/states, and that they are determining the allocation and distribution for all vaccines. The CDC continues to focus on prioritizing socially vulnerable populations and economically diverse zip codes. We continue to advocate and champion our customers with the CDC, as we have since the inception of this program, and we continue to push for expanded vaccine access every time we connect with the CDC, industry partners, and individual states to share our expansion requests. We look forward to offering more consistent shipments when our allocated supply increases. Thank you for your patience and for your continued commitment to your community!

Frequently asked questions of the week

Q: How will I be notified if my pharmacy is selected to receive allocation?

A: Pharmacies who are selected to receive allocation will be notified via a welcome email at the primary email address indicated on the survey response. This initial email will NOT specify the number of doses or the manufacturer of the vaccine product. You will be notified which location(s) will be receiving product, the manufacturer of the product, and the number of doses you will be receiving via a separate order/shipment notification email. Note: Pharmacies will NOT be shipped the Pfizer-BioNTech product without prior approval from the pharmacy.

Vaccine inventory is shipped by the CDC contracted distributor directly to the pharmacy. AmerisourceBergen does not control the ship days and will not be physically shipping vaccine inventory.

Additionally, **pharmacies will not be able to choose which vaccine they receive or place orders for the product** from the CDC or through ABC Order.

IMPORTANT: The timing between the allocation notification and shipment can be as little as 12-24 hours. **If you enrolled, and are not prepared to accept product immediately, email COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com for assistance with putting your participation on hold or terminating it completely.**

Marketing tip of the week

Reevaluate merchandising and in-store signage to cater to the influx of current and future patients coming in to get their vaccination.

Missing readiness requirements

Last week, we **emailed individual participants** who have not completed all readiness requirements with **customized instructions for how to complete these requirements.** **Please check to see if you received this email.** *At this time, due to our CDC agreement, will not be able to allocate vaccine product to pharmacies who have not completed the required steps.*

Fearless Pharmacy

Fearless Pharmacies always stand up for their patients! Every one of you is doing great work in your community -- going above and beyond every day for your patients. Thank you!

"We're setting up and prepping and following the tiers that the state's giving us to go by for administration." Dirk White, Owner and Pharmacist, Harry Race Pharmacy, Sitka, Alaska [#fearlesspharmacy](https://twitter.com/fearlesspharmacy)

Resources

Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#) regularly for the most up-to-date 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 Implementation Guide](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement Guide](#) from NCPA
- [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.