



Get ready for vaccination with these updates

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Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

Agencies recommend pausing all J&J vaccine administrations until further notice.

Per the CDC guidance, AmerisourceBergen is advising stores to postpone appointments for the J&J vaccinations until the CDC advises on backfill inventory for these appointments with another type of vaccine in the coming week.

CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine. As a result, CDC and FDA are recommending a pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution.

[Read the full CDC/FDA statement here.](#)

Are you Prepared? Pausing participation

The timing between allocation notification and shipment can be as little as 12-24 hours. If you are enrolled, and are not able to receive product immediately with little/no notice, please email COVIDVaccines@amerisourcebergen.com with a request to be placed on hold, or to unenroll in the program. Please include store name and NCPDP in these requests. You can request to be taken OFF hold at any time by emailing the same email address. Note that timing of vaccine allocation after coming off hold is dependent on available supply and CDC guidance, and receipt of additional product is not guaranteed.

Vaccine supply and allocation update

Even with the J&J vaccine pause announced this week, supply of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines is steadily increasing, and we have been able to continually allocate vaccines to additional participants. 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. We continue to advocate for independent pharmacies 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. Thank you for your patience and for your continued commitment to your community!

Allocation Guide - your guide from shipment to reporting

The [Allocation Guide](#) will walk you through everything from shipment, to receiving the vaccine, storage, administration, marketing, adverse events, and reporting. Please familiarize yourself with this key resource to prepare for yourself for your first vaccine shipment.

[Allocation Guide](#)

Frequently asked questions of the week

Q: Can I order the vaccine through ABC Order?

A: No. Pharmacies will not be able to choose which vaccine they receive or place orders for the product from the CDC or through ABC Order. 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.

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

Update your patients as quickly as possible if you have new information about the vaccine, supply, or process changes. Social media is one of the quickest and most effective channels to communicate these important updates to patients.

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!

"Our pharmacists are honored to care for Phillips County and do our part to help each and every one of our patients during these difficult times." Ed Wright, Owner and Pharmacist, Hickory Hill Pharmacy, Helena, Arkansas [#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.