



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Vaccine program updates

Bivalent vaccine update

Important notes:

- The bivalent vaccine is a booster for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It does not replace the primary series.
- Order Pfizer and Moderna vaccines accordingly – you will no longer need to plan for a booster dose for either Pfizer or Moderna.
- The bivalent vaccine is not FDA-approved yet and will not be shipped until it is approved.
- ***Participants can pre-order the bivalent vaccine in the COVID portal in ABC Order.***

Additional guidance:

Both Pfizer and Moderna are planning on submitting data for review and possible approval of a bivalent, omicron-adapted mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, the plan is to provide a bivalent booster dose to those eligible (completed their primary series).

- When data is first submitted to FDA by **Pfizer**, it will be for the use of the bivalent vaccines for **adult through adolescent boosters (12+) ONLY**.
- When data is first submitted to FDA by **Moderna**, it will be for use as an Adult Booster **(18+) ONLY**. (There is a possibility they could submit data for 12+.)
- This means monovalent mRNA vaccine will still be needed at some volume for primary series at the launch of the updated vaccine.
- While there will likely be enough vaccine for open eligibility, CDC would like to ensure that vulnerable populations (LTC-settings, immunocompromised, 65+) are generally prioritized for your planning.
- **In the most accelerated timeline scenario, there is a possibility some doses could ship over Labor Day weekend. Otherwise, plan for September-October.**

Clarified pack information:

The new bivalent vaccines will have the same storage and handling parameters as the original vaccine products:

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

- Ultra-cold freezer storage (-90°C to -60°C) until expiry
- NO FREEZER STORAGE
- Refrigerate (2°C to 8°C) up to 10 weeks without puncturing
- Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be packaged in 6-dose vials in cartons of 10 vials each (60 doses total), with a minimum order quantity of 300 doses.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines

- NO ULTRA-COLD FREEZER STORAGE
- Freezer storage (-25°C to -15°C) until expiry
- Refrigerate (2°C to 8°C) up to 30 days without puncturing
- Moderna bivalent vaccine will be packaged in 5-dose vials in cartons of 10 vials each (50 doses total), with a minimum order quantity of 100 doses.

Once punctured, each vial must be used within 12 hours. Similar to existing Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech (gray cap) products, vials must be discarded ≤12 hours after the first puncture. Ancillary supplies will be provided, including a variety of 1-inch and 1.5-inch needles and syringes. An ancillary opt-out continues to be available for all non-diluent kits.

Vaccination Cards

Please see guidance about CDC vaccination cards, when a vaccination record card is full:

1. Complete a new card for the patient
2. Staple both cards together
3. Encourage the patient to photograph both cards in case they become separated
4. Bring both cards to future vaccination appointments

Janssen vaccine reminder

Please check expiration dates on any Janssen vaccine inventory you have on hand. Much of the Janssen vaccine in the field is dated AUG expiry due to the last shelf-life extension. More recent likely have expiration dates into the fall and there is still a small quantity of vaccine that will expire in DEC/JAN. Expired vaccines should be reported as waste.

Oral antivirals program updates

Evusheld

- Please place allocation requests through the ABCOrder portal.
- **Evusheld should be administered and billed as two courses.**
- There is no need to log into the HPOP system. We report inventory and dispense data on your behalf. We identify what you have in inventory based on what was shipped and what you dispense. Prescriptions should be processed immediately or within 24 hours via your pharmacy system and any wastage should be reported daily through the COVID-19 portal on ABCOrder. There are no additional reporting requirements.
- Additional information can be found in the AmerisourceBergen [COVID-19 Therapeutics Program Implementation Guide](#).
- Pharmacists cannot prescribe Evusheld.

Therapeutics allocation requests available via ABC Order

Pharmacies participating in the FRPTP can request COVID-19 therapeutics allocation through the ABC Order COVID portal, similar to how COVID-19 vaccines are requested. Allocation requests placed before 12pm ET Wednesdays will be delivered to your pharmacy early the following week. Orders submitted after 12pm on Wednesdays won't be processed until the next cycle.

Resources

Updated Implementation and Allocation Guides

- [Therapeutics Allocation guide](#)
- [Therapeutics implementation guide](#)
- [Vaccine implementation guide](#)
- [Vaccine allocation guide](#)

New to the oral antivirals program? Download these resources!

- [Implementation Guide](#)
- [FAQ](#)

COVID-19 Treatment Marketing Materials

Let your patients know that you have COVID-19 treatments available at your pharmacy with new print and digital marketing materials. Visit the “Coronavirus” library in [Brand Central Station](#) and [SOCi](#) to access the materials.



Surveys, reporting, reminders

Survey: Partnering with Long-Term Care facilities

The CDC has asked if any pharmacies participating in FRPP are currently partnering with any Long-Term Care Facilities, or if they would be able to. Please take this [brief survey](#).

Are you interested in dispensing COVID-19 antiviral therapies?

If you are currently enrolled in the vaccine program and are interested in participating in the antiviral program, please email the Elevate Enrollments team at elevateenrollments@amerisourcebergen.com.

At this time, only pharmacies enrolled in the vaccine program may participate in the antiviral program.

Questions? Continue to work with your Business Coach or Sales Executive or send questions to COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com. Please include your pharmacy name and NCPDP on all communications. This information will help us expedite our response to you.

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