



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership for COVID-19 website

Find up to date information and newsletters on our [website](#) for the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership for COVID-19.

[Sitio web en Español](#) para participantes del programa de vacunas COVID

Important updates for both programs

POC test & treat national certificate program

NCPA is hosting the **NASPA Pharmacy-Based Point-of-Care Test & Treat National Certificate Program**. This certificate program provides an opportunity to gain the skills and information necessary to develop a testing program such as influenza, Group A Streptococcus, HIV, Hepatitis C, coronaviruses, and chronic diseases. The target audience for the certificate program is pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, student pharmacists, academia, and pharmacy association staff. While the program is primarily designed for pharmacists, non-pharmacists interested in point-of-care test and treat are also welcome to complete the program.

- NCPA members can get a **reduced** registration price of **\$295**.
- The non-member NCPA rate is \$495
- December 15, 2022 (live training on Zoom)
- Virtual Live Training 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
- Registration deadline is Dec. 11

Click to [REGISTER](#) or [read more](#) today!

*Important: This program is not applicable for Florida pharmacists. Please visit the NASPA website for information about the [Florida specific program](#).

Thanksgiving shipping update

All orders placed the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving will be shipped on the following Monday.

Vaccine program updates

Novavax ordering

Please note: We have a **very** limited supply of Novavax, and the U.S. government hasn't purchased any recently. Novavax is only available in 100-dose increments and by special order. Novavax can be ordered by emailing the request with your NCPDP number to the COVID email box at COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com. [Updated Clinical Considerations](#)

Ordering tips

Please note that the quantities listed in ABC Order are the only quantities available to ship. After placing an order, please ensure you receive the order confirmation email. Keep the confirmation for reference until you receive your order. If you believe your order has been delayed, please include your order confirmation information when contacting the COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com mailbox.

Multidose vials pack size adjustment – effective November 28

Effective November 28, Pfizer adult monovalent and bivalent pack sizes adjust to **180 from 300**. The new pack sizes will still come with **300 ancillary kits**. We've also been advised that when single dose vials become available in January, they likely will not come with ancillary kits, so pharmacies may want to store the extra ancillary kits in anticipation of shipments in January that will not include ancillary kits.

Moderna shelf-life extension

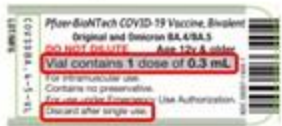
Expiry dates of the following Moderna10 products have been extended. Moderna has verified the new expiry dates below and updated the Moderna Vial Expiration Checker: <https://modernacovid19global.com/vial-lookup?#vialLookUpTool>

Count	Lot	OLD Expiry (9-month from DOM)	New Expiry (verified)
1	054A22A	2022-11-01	Feb 1, 2023
2	055A22A	2022-11-02	Feb 2, 2023
3	057A22A	2022-11-06	Feb 6, 2023
4	056A22A	2022-11-07	Feb 7, 2023
5	059A22A	2022-11-09	Feb 9, 2023
6	058A22-2A	2022-11-10	Feb 10, 2023
7	060A22A	2022-11-10	Feb 10, 2023
8	014B22A	2022-11-11	Feb 11, 2023
9	015B22A	2022-11-12	Feb 12, 2023
10	016B22A	2022-11-13	Feb 13, 2023
11	017B22A	2022-11-14	Feb 14, 2023
12	011B22A	2022-11-18	Feb 18, 2023

Pfizer single dose vials and multi-dose vials look identical

Pharmacies will need to pay attention to the label to decrease the chance of error.

Single Dose Vial Overview: DO NOT DILUTE / 12 years and older



Single-Dose Vial THAW TIME	
Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C)	Up to 2 hours
Room Temperature (up to 25°C)	30 minutes

Single Dose Vial Dose Preparation:

- ✓ Before use, gently invert the vaccine vial per EUA Fact Sheet Preparation Instructions.
- ✓ Withdraw a single 0.3 mL dose.
- ✓ Administer immediately.
- ✓ Discard vial and any excess volume.

For detailed step by step instructions for preparation and administration, please refer to the EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccination Providers which is available at www.covidvaccine-us.com.

Before administration, please see full Prescribing Information: 12 years of age and older or appropriate EUA Fact Sheet for Vaccination Providers. For the most recent prescribing information and fact sheets, please visit www.covidvaccine-us.com.

** Important Considerations **

It is important to **DIFFERENTIATE** between the vaccine products to ensure individuals 12 years and older receive the appropriate vaccine.



Reminder: Novavax Monovalent Boosters

Novavax boosters may be used if recipients are unable or unwilling to receive a Pfizer or Moderna updated (bivalent) COVID-19 booster and they meet the following requirements:

- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series at least 6 months ago
- Have not gotten any other booster dose

Providers carrying Novavax should **update their appointment scheduling systems** to allow individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive a bivalent booster to select Novavax as a booster if they meet the requirements listed above.

Renewal of Determination that a Public Health Emergency Exists

[PHE Declaration from the HHS Secretary:](#)

As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective October 13, 2022, the January 31, 2020, determination by former Secretary Alex M. Azar II, that he previously renewed on April 21, 2020, July 23, 2020, October 2, 2020, and January 7, 2021, and that I renewed on April 15, 2021, July 19, 2021, October 15, 2021, January 14, 2022, April 12, 2022, and July 15, 2022, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.

Pfizer-BioNTech Single Dose Vials (SDV)

The updated (bivalent) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for people 12 years of age or older in single-dose vials will become **available to pharmacies beginning in January 2023**. This vial presentation is in response to widespread requests from our vaccine administration partners for the greater flexibility this presentation provides.

Pfizer SDVs will be available in minimum order quantities of 50 doses and a maximum quantity per order of 150 doses. The storage and handling requirements remain the same as other Pfizer Tris products. No ancillary supplies will be provided with this SDV product. SDVs do not require low-dead-volume syringes.

Thank you for 2 Years of vaccine delivery and administration

December 14, 2022, will mark the two-year anniversary of domestic COVID-19 vaccination. We want to celebrate your hard work and success and recognize individuals and teams that have worked hard together these past two years or gone the extra mile along the way.

Controlant update

The contract between the U.S. Government and Controlant that supports on-site monitoring (after product acceptance) of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines will be ending on November 25, 2022. All sites that have used on-site monitoring provided by Controlant since the start of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine distribution will be affected by this change.

Controlant monitors will still be used to monitor product in transit, but you will no longer be able to use these devices for monitoring storage temperatures at your location.

- support@controlant.com will continue
- OnsiteMonitoring@controlant.com will discontinue

- Links to access temperature data will discontinue and **must be downloaded by 11/25/2022**
 - Upon receipt, providers press the “Stop” button to receive their final report
 - Controlant support to access data will continue until 11/28/2022
- Controlant dashboard will discontinue
- DDL and temperature data issues should be directed to Pfizer
- All channels/providers should return Controlant DDLs using the return shipping label

Please verify that all temperature reports for all vaccines received is downloaded and stored correctly as the on-site monitoring feature will be **discontinued on November 25, 2022**. Temperature data will be available until November 28, 2022. Remember, you must keep all logs for 3 years per the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

All channels/providers still using Controlant DDLs for in-house temperature monitoring should make plans to install their own appropriate storage and monitoring equipment!

CDC requires COVID-19 vaccine temperatures to be monitored using a “digital data logger” (DDL). A DDL provides the most accurate storage unit temperature information, including details on how long a unit has been operating outside the recommended temperature range (referred to as a “temperature excursion”). DDLs using a buffered temperature probe provide the most accurate way to measure actual vaccine temperatures. Always use DDLs with a current and valid Certificate of Calibration Testing. Note that not all DDLs can measure ultra-cold temperatures.

Use DDLs with the following features:

- Detachable probe that best reflects vaccine temperatures (e.g., a probe buffered with glycol, glass beads, sand, or Teflon®)
- Alarm for out-of-range temperatures
- Low-battery indicator
- Current, minimum, and maximum temperature display
- Recommended uncertainty of +/-0.5° C (+/-1° F)
- Logging interval (or reading rate) that can be programmed by the user to measure and record temperatures at least every 30 minutes
- Current and valid Certificate of Calibration Testing

For more information about temperature monitoring equipment, please see section three of the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#) as well as the COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Addendum beginning on page 49.

Resources

Updated Implementation and Allocation Guides

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

COVID-19 Treatment Marketing Materials

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

Surveys, reporting, reminders

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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