



## 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

### The NASPA Pharmacy-based Point-of-Care Test & Treat Certificate Program

We are excited to announce the NASPA Pharmacy-Based Point-of-Care Test & Treat National\* Certificate Program on November 15, 2022. The complete course will consist of 16 hours of self-study and a 4 hour live component. **The self-study must be completed prior to the live training on November 15th.**

- Amerisource Bergen customers will be offered a **reduced** registration price of **\$295** by using the promocode: **ABCPPOCT**
- The non-member rate is \$495

Point-of-care testing empowers clinicians to use effective, fast technology to aid their decision making at the “point-of-care” to improve patient health. Pharmacy-based point-of-care testing utilizes CLIA-waived (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments - waived) tests that offer near immediate results in non-laboratory settings. Pharmacists and pharmacies are increasingly offering this public health service to promote prevention, early detection, and disease management. Click to [REGISTER](#) today!

- November 15, 2022 (live training on Zoom)
- Virtual Live Training 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST
- Virtual Skills Assessments approximately between 3-5 p.m. ET

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

## COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Tests

Starting April 4, 2022, and through the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), Medicare covers and pays for over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests at no cost to people with Medicare Part B, including those with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans (referred to throughout this webpage as “patients”).

In addition to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19, the goal of this demonstration is to find out if Medicare payment for OTC COVID-19 tests will improve access to testing and result in Medicare savings or other program improvements.

For additional details, please go [here](#).

## Thanksgiving shipping update

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

## Reminder: Quarterly attestations were due October 14

Both the vaccine and therapeutics quarterly attestations were sent to the primary contact listed in the applicable program and were due on October 14. Pharmacies who have not returned their signed attestations risk being placed on hold and not being able to order vaccines and/or therapeutics.

## 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](mailto:COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com) mailbox.

Vaccine program updates

## CDC's ACIP approved the incorporation of authorized COVID-19 vaccines into the VFC program

Last week, CDC released a [media statement](#) confirming recommended updates to the 2023 childhood and adult [immunization schedules](#), which includes incorporating additional information for approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) also voted to approve the incorporation of authorized COVID-19 vaccines into the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This action ensures that in the future, vaccination coverage will continue once the COVID-19 vaccines are commercialized.

### 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](mailto:COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com). [Updated Clinical Considerations](#)

### COVID-19 bivalent vaccine inventory and wastage guidance

When reporting wastage for bivalent boosters in children, always report wastage in full doses based on the volume identified on the label. Never report wastage in half doses. The table below is provided to assist with wastage reporting. Additional information on the identification, disposal and reporting of wastage can be found at [Identification, Disposal, and Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage | CDC](#)

Product Label	Authorized For	Approved Administration	Dose Per Volume	Doses Per Vial	Max Reportable Inventory (Unopened Vials Only)	Max Reportable Wastage
<b>Bivalent Vaccines</b>						
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Bivalent Booster	12 years and older	Booster	30mcg per 0.3mL	6	6	6
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Bivalent Booster	5-11 y/o	Booster	10mcg per 0.2 mL	10	10	10
Moderna COVID-19 Bivalent Booster	12 years and older	Booster	50mcg per 0.5 mL	5	5	5
	6 – 11 y/o	Booster	25mcg per 0.25 mL	10	5	5

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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