



## Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

***CORRECTION: This issue includes a corrected link to our Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership for COVID-19 website and a corrected link to the FDA press release on the bivalent boosters.***

### **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

### Accidental orders and incorrect NCPDPs

We have had an influx of vaccine and therapeutics accidentally ordered or incorrect NCPDP numbers entered in ABC Order. Please take care in ordering only the product you need and will reasonably be able to administer/dispense; and be sure to double-check your NCPDP when ordering. Without the correct NCPDP, we are unable to ship the product ordered. Please keep your order confirmation and shipping emails for reference. If you do not receive a shipping confirmation due to an incorrect NCPDP, you will need to place a new order for shipment the following week. **We cannot stop shipments once they are sent, and vaccine/therapeutics cannot be returned.**

### NEW! Quarterly attestations process

In our efforts to streamline the quarterly attestation process, both the vaccine and therapeutics quarterly attestations will now be sent in the same week to participants in both programs. Participants in the vaccine program only will only receive the vaccine attestation, but participants in both programs will receive both attestations so they can sign them and return them both in the same week. This new process will begin in the first week of October, and will continue in January, April, and July. Both attestations will be sent to the primary contact listed in the applicable program and you will have a 14-day window to complete and return the forms.

# Vaccine program updates

## Bivalent booster update

Bivalent boosters for both Moderna and Pfizer have been authorized. Please read the official FDA press release.

Press Release

### Important notes:

- **The monovalent vaccines are NO LONGER authorized for boosters. If you have appointments for boosters, please reschedule for when your locations have the bivalent vaccines available.**
- **ORDERING:** Bivalent vaccines are currently available for preorder through the ABC Order COVID portal, but **please note that the Moderna supply is initially limited.** *Please note that if you order the Moderna bivalent booster, you may not receive product for up to three weeks. Please see below recommendation to order Pfizer bivalent boosters for quicker access.*

### More details:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent, if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.
- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.
- With today's authorization, the **monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are not authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older.**
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*receive product for up to three weeks.* Please see below recommendation to order Pfizer bivalent boosters for quicker access.

- Pharmacies are encouraged to order Pfizer vaccines. **Please note that the new Pfizer bivalent also has a gray cap**, so please be sure to focus on safety and take measures to decrease opportunities for vaccine administration errors.
- **Get a jump on training:** As you are considering what training modifications will be needed with the roll out of these boosters to mitigate as many errors as possible—this handy 2-pager goes through a lot of strategies for preventing wrong product errors. [Learn more](#)

## Novavax update

- [FDA Grants Emergency Use Authorization for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted for Adolescents Ages 12 Through 17.](#)

*NOTE: Novavax should still be ordered by emailing the request with your NCPDP number to the COVID email box at [COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com](mailto:COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com).* Once EUA is granted (expected by the end of next week), delivery will occur starting 9/6. There will be no deliveries on Labor Day

- [Updated Clinical Considerations](#)

## 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.

## 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 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

### 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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