



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership for COVID-19 website

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

Vaccine program updates

Important info concerning availability of Moderna bivalent vaccines

We were initially allocated a limited amount of the Moderna bivalent vaccine and all available doses have been distributed; we currently have 0 stock to fill order requests. We're awaiting additional allocations to our ordering thresholds and will continue to ship orders to pharmacies as more vaccine becomes available.

Health and Human Services (HHS) has made 5 million doses of Moderna bivalent vaccine available to date. As Moderna continues to ramp up production, they anticipate the next allocation of Moderna bivalent doses will be the week of September 19th at the earliest. Until that time, we cannot fill any orders for the Moderna bivalent vaccines. Once we have more Moderna bivalent doses available for ordering, an update will be posted in this newsletter.

HHS encourages all providers to use and order the Pfizer bivalent doses as much as possible as we await additional Moderna bivalent supply.

We do have adequate supply of the Pfizer bivalent available for ordering in the ABC Order COVID portal. The Pfizer bivalent boosters are approved for administration to ages 12 and older.

Moderna bivalent booster backorders

Pharmacies that ordered the Moderna bivalent and who have not received product are on backorder. Those pharmacies will be receiving an email confirming that their Moderna bivalent vaccine is on backorder. Due to supply constraints, pharmacies will not be able to order additional Moderna bivalent through the ABC Order COVID portal until the current backorders are filled, which may take several weeks.

Bivalent booster update

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.

Please note that any monovalent booster dose that was administered after the bivalent booster was authorized by the FDA needs to be reported to VAERS. Please see the Clinical Considerations information below for more details.

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 (or have already ordered) the Moderna bivalent booster, those orders will be fulfilled on a first in-first out basis as additional product is available to ship. You may not receive the product for up to three weeks. Please see below recommendation to order Pfizer bivalent boosters for quicker access.***

Bivalent booster CDC updates

- If pharmacies have administered a monovalent booster since approval of bivalent: they can submit a bulk VAERS report with number of vaccines administered since 8/31.
- Messaging around boosters and spacing times
- [COVID vaccine products summary](#)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us-appendix.html#appendix-d>
- Actions to take after an error has occurred and what actions to take moving forward:

Bivalent vaccine incorrectly administered for the primary series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine: Do not repeat dose.• Bivalent Moderna vaccine: Repeat dose immediately (no minimum interval) because administration of the booster dose will result in a lower-than-authorized dose.
Monovalent vaccine incorrectly administered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In general, do not repeat dose.

for a booster dose (if bivalent booster indicated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, providers may administer 1 bivalent booster dose as a repeat dose based on clinical judgement and patient preference. In this case, space the repeat dose after the dose given in error by at least 2 months.
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- Pharmacies are able to opt out of ancillary kits for bivalent orders.
- Vaccinefinder has been updated for flu/bivalent boosters. Pharmacies are encouraged to use and consistently update VaccineFinder so patients can locate their pharmacies when looking for vaccines.

Code set reminders

Drug Compendia have published Bivalent Booster Codes by August 31, 2022.

- **Please check and verify that you are seeing Bivalent Booster Code sets for both Pfizer and Moderna in systems to ensure system readiness.** Payer systems will also be impacted by those codes.

AMA published CPT Codes for Bivalent Boosters:

- <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-cpt-update-covid-19-boosters-adapted-omicron>
- <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/covid-19-cpt-vaccine-and-immunization-codes>

AMA Announces CPT update for COVID-19 boosters adapted to omicron

- The AMA announced an editorial update to (CPT)® that includes eight new codes for the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster doses from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech.

Novavax update

Novavax should still be ordered by emailing the request with your NCPDP number to the COVID email box at COVIDVaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com.

- [Updated Clinical Considerations](#)

Oral therapeutics program updates

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the authorization of an extension to the shelf life from 12 months to 18 months for certain lots of the Pfizer antiviral therapy, Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir tablets and ritonavir tablets co-packaged for oral use), which is currently authorized for emergency use for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in certain adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40kg).

As a result of this extension, lots of Paxlovid with dates of expiry from July 2022 to May 2023 may be stored for an additional six months from the labeled date of expiry (see Table 1 below). As required by the emergency use authorization, unopened cartons of Paxlovid (300 mg nirmatrelvir and 100 mg ritonavir, or 150 mg nirmatrelvir and 100 mg ritonavir), must be appropriately held in accordance with storage conditions detailed in the authorized [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#). FDA granted this extension following a thorough review of data submitted by Pfizer.

Table 1: Extended Expiry Dating for Paxlovid Authorized under EUA 105

Labeled Expiry Date (YYYY-MM)	Extended Expiry Date (YYYY-MM)
2022-07	2023-01
2022-08	2023-02
2022-11	2023-05
2022-12	2023-06
2023-01	2023-07
2023-02	2023-08
2023-03	2023-09
2023-04	2023-10
2023-05	2023-11

Please contact COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov with any questions and visit the [ASPR website](#) for additional information regarding Paxlovid.

Please note that any monovalent booster dose that was administered after the bivalent booster was authorized by the FDA needs to be reported to VAERS.

Resources

Updated Implementation and Allocation Guides

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

COVID-19 Bivalent Booster 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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