



## 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

### Quarterly attestations coming next week

Both the vaccine and therapeutics quarterly attestations will be sent next week to participants in both programs. Participants in the vaccine program only will receive just 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. 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

### Pediatric bivalent booster update

Pfizer pediatric bivalent is currently available by preorder through the ABC Order COVID portal. **Please note that the preorder period closes Monday, October 3, at Noon ET.** There will be no preorder period for the Moderna pediatric bivalent once that is approved because it will be the same NDC as the adult vaccine. Authorization is expected the week of 10/10. There will be no shipments on Monday 10/11, due to the Federal holiday.

### Update on availability of Moderna bivalent vaccines

### **Moderna bivalent vaccine backorder status**

Pharmacies with Moderna bivalent vaccine backorders should have started to receive your backorders. If you have not received all backordered doses yet, we will automatically fulfill the remaining number of doses you requested once we receive additional product. **You do not need to place an additional request through AmerisourceBergen.** *Please note that it may be several weeks before we receive enough product to fulfill your remaining requested quantity of doses.*

### **Future Moderna bivalent vaccine allocation requests**

As soon as we have been able to fulfill all backorders and are ensured there is an adequate steady supply of the Moderna bivalent vaccine available, we will once again place Moderna bivalent vaccine on the ABC Order COVID portal for allocation requests. We continue to be in close contact with the CDC regarding the status of future inventory of the Moderna bivalent vaccine, and we will keep you updated via our weekly COVID-19 Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership newsletters.

**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.

## **Reporting and administration of bivalent vaccines**

### **Moderna bivalent**

For consistency, inventory reporting and waste should remain the same. There is no need to account for pediatric dosing. Bivalent is a white to off-white suspension. Swirl, not shake, after thawing and between each withdrawal. Both 0.5ml and 0.25ml doses may be withdrawn from the same multiple-dose vial. If the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial cannot provide a full dose of 0.5ml or 0.25ml, discard the vial and contents. Pharmacies can opt out of ancillary kits if needed.

## Bivalent Booster Dose Presentation

Age Group	6 years of age and older
Dose Volume	<b>Bivalent Booster Doses</b> 12 years of age and older: Each 0.5 mL 6 through 11 years of age: Each 0.25 mL
Dose Per Vial	12 years of age and older: <b>5 doses</b> 6 through 11 years of age: <b>10 doses</b>
Vial Cap Color	<b>Dark Blue</b> 
Vial Label	<b>Gray Border</b> NDC 80777-282-05 
Carton	<b>Gray Border</b> NDC 80777-282-99 

## Consideration for Dose Withdrawal

After 1st dose is withdrawn, for vials with either cap or label color:

- Record the date and time of 1st use on the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine\* vial labels
- After the 1st dose has been withdrawn, the vial should be held between 2° to 25°C (36° to 77°F)
- Do not pool excess vaccine from multiple vials
- Discard vial after 12 hours after 1st puncture
- Do not refreeze



## Pfizer bivalent

Pharmacies will not be able to opt-out of ancillary kits as diluents are needed for this product. The only difference between the two vaccines is the label. To reduce the chance for error, the pharmacy should reference the information provided below.



### ALL ORANGE CAP VIALS:

- Orange vial cap and orange label border
- **DILUTE BEFORE USE** with 1.3 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP
- 0.2 mL (10 mcg) dose

## Avoiding COVID-19 Vaccine Errors

- ✓ Develop a plan for storing the vaccines prior to administration
- ✓ Clearly label all individual syringes containing vaccines
- ✓ Prior to administration of the vaccine, ensure the following:

<p><b>Right PATIENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify patient screening information</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right TIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check FDA authorized and CDC recommended intervals for doses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right DOCUMENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document vaccine administration per CDC guidance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Right VACCINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the cap color &amp; colored label border correct based upon the individual's age?</li> <li>• Booster dose vs. primary series?</li> <li>• Does the vaccine require dilution?</li> <li>• Check expiration dates and Beyond-Use-Date (BUD)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right DOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine dose is based on an individual's age</li> <li>• Was the correct volume of vaccine withdrawn?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right ROUTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized &amp; approved COVID-19 vaccines are intramuscular injections. Ensure correct needle length.</li> <li>• Refer to CDC resources regarding vaccine administration</li> </ul>

## Vaccine expiry checking

- **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry**
  - Pfizer Orange cap (ages 5-11) is shipping Nov 30 expiry; note bivalent coming...keep it lean

- Pfizer Purple cap is now expired! Zero out inventory, report waste, move to Gray
- [Moderna Vial Expiration Date Look Up Tool](#)
- [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccines Expiry Checker](#)
  - Most Janssen COVID-19 vaccine in the field is now expired!
  - Limited inventory remains for ordering (all dated Jan 2023 expiry)
- [Novavax Expiry Date Checker](#)
- [CDC's COVID-19 Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date Report](#)

Access to this report is strictly managed by registration only. Available to public health, healthcare, and pharmacy organizations for vaccine administration, inventory, and reporting purposes.

## Novavax update

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).

- [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).

[Extended Expiry Dating for Paxlovid Authorized under EUA 105](#)

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

## 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](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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