



Vaccine 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

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Monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

Moderna's monovalent products for individuals aged 6 and older are set to expire in early April with no anticipated expiration extension.

Moderna 10 – Note: All doses of Moderna 10 expire on April 1, 2023. DO NOT ADMINISTER DOSES OF MODERNA 10 AFTER APRIL 1.

Make sure your pharmacy is prepared for an audit

As a participant in the Federal Retail program providers received USG-purchased COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies for administration to individuals. As the Federal program begins to wind down, pharmacies must be able to account for all vaccines received. Be sure your pharmacy is doing the following:

1. Reporting on hand doses in VaccineFinder
2. Processing all vaccine administrations through your pharmacy system
3. [Reporting waste in ABC Order](#)
4. [Reporting any transfers](#)

Your pharmacy may be asked to provide additional documentation on vaccine administrations if there are data discrepancies on vaccine administrations or other data that has been reported to the CDC.

CDC expands Pfizer bivalent recommendation

Following FDA action, [CDC expanded its recommendation](#) to allow children ages 6 months through 4 years who previously completed the full 3-dose monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 primary vaccination series to now receive a booster dose of Pfizer's updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccine.

This change only applies to the approximately 350,000 children who were early adopters of Pfizer's 3-dose COVID-19 vaccine primary series. However, the update means that all children in this age group are now eligible to receive an updated vaccine, either through completion of their primary series or through a booster dose. With spring break ahead of us, we want to provide parents and caregivers with every tool available to safely enjoy planned activities.

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are formulated to protect against some of the more recently circulating viruses. Most importantly, COVID-19 vaccines are critical to providing ongoing protection as immunity wanes and the virus continues to mutate.

The vast majority of children in this age group have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and we recommend parents get their children vaccinated to protect against serious illness. CDC is working to increase parent and provider confidence in COVID-19 vaccines and improve uptake among the 95% of children who are not vaccinated or who have not completed the COVID-19 vaccine primary series. Parents should talk to their child's health care provider to ensure their child is up to date on their COVID-19 and other vaccines.

On March 14, 2023, the FDA authorized Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine,

Bivalent (Original and Omicron BA.4/BA.5) as a single booster dose at least 2 months after completion of primary vaccination with 3 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine [monovalent] in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age (Maroon Cap).

Pfizer Medical Affairs has begun conducting LIVE Webinars for all healthcare providers for a limited time before transitioning to ON DEMAND. The links for sessions are provided below.

- [Attendee link – Tuesday, March 28 - 3pm ET](#)
- [Attendee link – Wednesday, March 29 - 12pm ET](#)
- [Attendee link – Thursday, March 30 - 12pm ET](#)

Please visit the website frequently for the latest live training schedule: <https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates>

Vaccine Doses and Ancillary Supply Kits

J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

All J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine doses in the field expired on February 24, 2023, except for 96,100 doses that began shipping January 15, 2023 (LOT# 216D21A).

All channels need to begin clearing inventory (zero out and dispose of expired J&J/Janssen vaccine) and ensure only viable supply is reported to VaccineFinder/Vaccines.gov. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact VaccineFinder@cdc.gov.

The remaining inventory (96,100 doses of LOT# 216D21A with expiry on May 6, 2023) is the only viable supply of J&J/Janssen in the USA.

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

Expiration dates of Novavax and monovalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are approaching.

- Novavax – only keep vials with April 30, 2023 expiry. Ample supplies with extended dates exist for open ordering.

Monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

- Moderna's monovalent products for individuals aged 6 and older are set to expire in early April with no anticipated expiration extension.
- **Moderna 10 – everything must be disposed of and recorded as waste on April 2, 2023.**

Ancillary Supply Kit Expiration Dates

Here's a quick Spring-cleaning checklist for ancillary supply kits:

- Check expiration dates before using any ancillary kit supplies or other medical equipment. This includes diluent, when needed.
- Do NOT discard the entire COVID-19 vaccine ancillary kit based on the date printed on the box's ancillary kit label. The expiration date printed on the box's ancillary kit label does NOT apply to supplies with an expiration date printed on each item's packaging.

- Note that expiration dates for masks and face shields are displayed on the ancillary supply kit label.
- Please keep in mind that expiration dates for other supplies (needles, syringes, alcohol prep pads, etc.) are printed on the individual packaging of each item.
- Promptly discard any expired items according to state and local regulations.

For more information on Ancillary Kit Contents, refer to the [latest Product Guide](#).

Preventing Administration of Expired Vaccines

The administration of expired vaccines continues to be a reported vaccine administration error. However, this error can be prevented by following these suggestions:

- Providers should check the expiration dates of vaccine in their storage unit weekly. Check vaccine expiration dates using the manufacturers' online expiry checking tools:
 - [Moderna Vial Expiration Checker](#)
 - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry Checker](#)
 - [Novavax Expiry Date Checker](#)
 - [Janssen Expiry Checker](#)
- Remove expired vaccine from storage units and discard according to state and local regulations.
- Check the expiration date prior to preparing or administering the vaccine. NEVER administer expired vaccine.
- If expired vaccine is inadvertently administered:
 - Review guidance on the CDC website: [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines: Appendices, References, and Previous Updates | CDC](#).
 - Report vaccine administration errors to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#).

For persons seeking vaccine who have not completed a primary series, see [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#).

Therapeutics updates

Paxlovid expiry extension

Check for Paxlovid therapeutics expiration extensions by batch number [here](#).

Resources

Expiry checking

Efforts should be made to verify expiration dates for all extended vaccines and therapeutics before administration/dispensing to patients. Pharmacies can check the expiration date using the manufacturer expiration date tool. It is best practice for pharmacies to develop their own process for removing expired vaccines/therapeutics within a reasonable time. Please ensure all team members review this process and are updating inventory.

1. [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry](#)
2. [Moderna Vial Expiration Date Look Up Tool](#)
3. [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccines Expiry Checker](#)
4. [Paxlovid Expiry Dates by Batch Number](#)
5. [Novavax Expiry Date Checker](#)
6. [CDC's COVID-19 Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date Report](#)

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.

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