# Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

Sitio web en Español para participantes del programa de vacunas COVID

## General updates

## Action required: Data reconciliation requirement and process

Pharmacies that participate in the Federal Retail program (FRPP) received US government 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. Please also preserve all records related to COVID-19 vaccine management for a minimum of 3 years, or longer if required by state, local or territorial law.

To aid you in this data reconciliation process, we have started communicating with pharmacies who have unaccounted for doses for each NCPDP that is part of the program. This communication has included targeted emails, as well as phone call outreach.  All questions should be directed to COVIDvaccines@amerisourcebergen.com.

It is important that pharmacies account for these doses accurately in the outlined processes, as they may be asked to provide additional documentation on data discrepancies for vaccine administrations or waste data that has been reported to the CDC.   Be sure your pharmacy is doing the following:

- Reporting on hand doses in VaccineFinder

- Processing all vaccine administrations through your pharmacy system
- [Reporting waste in ABC Order](#)
- [Reporting any transfers](#)

Failure to comply with reconciliation process may result in your pharmacy being placed in a HOLD status and you will not be able to request COVID Vaccine allocation.

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.

We appreciate and thank you for all you are doing for your patients.

## Reporting waste

When reporting waste, it's important to complete all the required fields. Incomplete reports will need to be resubmitted. Please report waste as accurately as possible. Once waste is reported it cannot be edited or changed. All questions should be directed to [COVIDvaccines@amerisourcebergen.com](mailto:COVIDvaccines@amerisourcebergen.com).

## Vaccine program updates

## CDC updates clinical considerations for COVID-19 vaccines

After updates to CDC recommendations, the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#) have been updated to reflect changes that allow people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised to receive additional COVID-19 bivalent vaccine doses to help restore protection that may wane over time.

CDC's updated guidance provides healthcare providers with the flexibility to administer an additional COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose to their [immunocompromised patients](#) who have previously received an updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccine dose at least two months ago.

Individuals can also self-identify about their eligibility and receive doses anywhere vaccines are offered without a prescription or documentation of medical condition. This will help ensure there are no additional barriers to access for this population.

## Therapeutics updates

# Reminder: COVID-19 therapeutic product expiration dates

**No oral antivirals have expired**
Please do not dispose of product based on labeled expiration dates.
A searchable database of COVID-19 Therapeutic Product Expiration Dates is available.

- User the search box to find a specific item OR
- Select which product you are interested in and sort by lot number, labelled expiry, or extended expiry

Pfizer is maintaining a searchable expiry data for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir). ASPR's expiry webpage includes the link to that site.

# FDA approves first oral antiviral for treatment of COVID-19 in adults

On May 25, 2023, the FDA approved the oral antiviral Paxlovid for COVID-19. This treatment is for adults who have mild to moderate symptoms and are at risk for the progression to severe symptoms. Paxlovid was created and authorized under the EUA to provide access for adults and eligible children.

According to Patrizia Cavazzoni, M.D., director for the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, "Paxlovid has met the agency's rigorous standards for safety and effectiveness, and that it remains an important treatment option for people at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including those with prior immunity".

This treatment has undergone research to prove the product's benefits outweigh its risks. For further information, visit the Pfizer Paxlovid Lot Expiry. To find the expiration date for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine lot number, enter the lot number found on the vial or the carton.

Paxlovid is still authorized under EUA and continues to be available from the federal government at no cost.

# 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 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.

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