

Pennsylvania Division of Immunizations COVID-19 Vaccination Bridge Access Program Eligibility

Vaccine funded as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Bridge Access Program can be used by Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, County Municipal Health Departments, State Health Centers, and other sites authorized by the Division of Immunizations to vaccinate section Bridge Access Program-eligible populations according to the guidelines below. All eligibility must be documented in the patient's record and saved for three years in accordance with program requirements.

Adults ages 19 and up are eligible for Bridge Access Program vaccines if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Are uninsured, i.e., have no health insurance; or
Are underinsured. This includes someone who has health insurance but whose coverage does not include COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines for Leisure Travel: Leisure travelers – including religious missionaries or civic volunteers – are **not** eligible for any vaccines funded by the Bridge Access Program.

Charges and Fees for Immunization of COVID-19 Vaccination Bridge Access Program Eligible Clients

The COVID-19 Vaccination Bridge Access Program Application requires that all organizations and providers participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Bridge Access Program:

- **must** administer COVID-19 vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost to the recipient
- may **not** deny anyone vaccination based on inability to pay administration fee
- may **not** charge an office visit or other fee if COVID-19 vaccination is the sole medical service provided may **not** require additional medical services to receive COVID-19 vaccination
- **may** seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 Vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient, such as:
 - vaccine recipient's private insurance company
 - Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement
- may **not** seek any reimbursement, including through balance billing, from the vaccine recipient