

COVID -19 VACCINE PROVIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights

Policy

- The hold placed by CDC on the direct ordering on Janssen vaccines is still in effect.
- All enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers can put orders for COVID-19 vaccines directly in PA SIIS.
- Every time there is a plan to move vaccines from one enrolled provider to another enrolled provider, a CDC Supplemental COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution form must be completed, signed by both parties and submitted for approval.
- Providers are only able to place direct orders for Moderna vaccine and a 450 tray of Pfizer. Janssen vaccine is only available through redistribution. The 1170 tray of Pfizer is no longer available for ordering.

Data

- Vaccine providers have administered 11,800,591 total vaccine doses as of Thursday, July 8.
 - First/single doses: 6,778,127 administered
 - Second doses: 5,022,464 administered
- 5,472,507 people are fully vaccinated: with a seven-day moving average of more than 13,100 people per day receiving vaccinations.
- 1,305,620 people are partially vaccinated, meaning they have received one dose of a two-dose vaccine.

Education

[FAQs on Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar Series](#)

[CDC's COVID Vaccine Provider Education and Training](#)

[CDC's COVID Vaccine Inventory Management Best Practices](#)

[CDC's COVID Vaccination Toolkit](#)

Every COVID-19 vaccine provider enrolled with PA DOH must sign a provider enrollment agreement. By signing the agreement, providers agree to store and handle the vaccine products as required by CDC's guidance on vaccine storage and handling. Therefore, providers will be responsible for vaccines shipped to their facility and ensuring they are received and stored appropriately. This is expected even when a vaccine shipment is delivered to a provider by error. Providers should never refuse a vaccine shipment. We expect that every vaccine provider understands the value of this precious cargo. Please remember that refusing a vaccine shipment means potentially unviable vaccines in most cases. Always be mindful that those vaccines could provide immunity to hundreds of eligible people and keep our community healthier and safer. Please be responsible and accountable.

Other Updates (CDC, 2021)

- The FDA announced an extension in the expiration date of the refrigerated Janssen vaccine to a total of four and a half months (increased from three months) at 2-8 degrees Celsius.
- ACIP held a meeting June 23-25 with the agenda covering a discussion on Myocarditis after mRNA vaccines, a risk-benefit discussion on use of mRNA vaccines in adolescents and young adults, and review of data to inform recommendations on additional doses COVID-19 vaccines - [ACIP June 2021 Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)
- After the ACIP meeting, HHS released a statement from Nation's Leading Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Public Health Leaders on Benefits of



Vaccination reemphasizing the safety and effectiveness of vaccines and encouraging all age 12 and older who are eligible to receive vaccine under the EUA -[Statement Following CDC ACIP Meeting from Nation's Leading Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Public Health Leaders on Benefits of Vaccination | HHS.gov](#)

The COVID-19 Vaccination Community Features

One-way CDC is contributing to vaccination efforts is by promoting the work happening in communities across the country through COVID-19 Vaccine Community Features. Each week CDC will feature stories that celebrate the people behind the vaccination program and give other communities ideas to improve their programs. Send stories you would like to feature to ISDcomm@cdc.gov. Include "CVCF Submission" in the subject, a summary of your story, and contact information. CDC will review the suggestion and send follow up instructions.

Hospital & Urgent Care Providers: Vaccinate a Patient at Discharge

Hospital, ED, and UC facilities in the United States can play an influential role in building confidence in and improving COVID-19 vaccine uptake, as healthcare providers are the most trusted source of health information.

- Patients who are not moderately or severely ill and are being discharged from hospital admission, 24-hour observation, or an ED or UC visit may be vaccinated. Patients with current COVID-19 infection should defer vaccination until they have met criteria to discontinue isolation.
- If the patient is a minor, providers are to follow all state laws regarding consent of minors for vaccination.
- Any COVID-19 vaccine product can be used for this activity.
- For a product that requires two doses:
 - Arrange for a second-dose appointment.
 - Counsel patients why the second dose is important and encourage patients to return for it.
 - Work with local and state government and local trusted CBOs to address social determinants of health that may pose barriers to receiving a second dose of vaccine, such as lack of transportation, nonflexible work schedules, primary language spoken, and other factors.



- While continuing to follow best practices to use every dose possible, providers should not miss an opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person when they are ready to get vaccinated, even if it means puncturing a multidose vial to administer vaccine without having enough people available to receive each dose.
- Use CDC resources to assist with addressing patients' concerns regarding vaccines and vaccination. Providers are encouraged to address vaccine hesitancy with all patients and those who accompany them as part of routine practice.
- EDs and UCs can bill the patient's insurance company for administration of COVID-19 vaccine; however, this should be billed separately from the services that were provided during the patient's visit. Patients cannot be charged directly for the vaccine administration fee if they do not have health insurance and cannot be denied vaccination because of a lack of insurance.
- HRSA has information to aid in filing claims for reimbursement for vaccine administration, including claims for uninsured patients

Lost a CDC Vaccination Card?

All COVID-19 vaccine recipients receive a CDC issued card as a record of their immunization. Sometimes patients may accidentally lose those cards. In such cases, please verify their records in your EMR or in PA SIIS by using the information they provide. Once you have that information, please issue a new card, and fill it with all the relevant information. If the patients received their vaccines at a mobile vaccination site or a mobile clinic and not at your facility, please advise them that they can request a copy of their immunization record by contacting DOH's Immunization registry.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

COVID- 19 Vaccine All Provider Call

Date: July 16th Time: 12 – 12:30 pm

Contact Us

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