

COVID -19 VACCINE PROVIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights

Policy

- Effective next week, providers will only be able to order Moderna 14 dose vials. Moderna 10 dose vial will be phased out completely. Therefore, the minimum order for Moderna will be 140 dose.
- Minimum dose order for Pfizer vaccine is 450. The 1170 tray of Pfizer is no longer available for ordering.
- Janssen vaccine is only available through redistribution. The freeze issued by the FDA on direct shipment of Janssen vaccine is still in effect.

Data

Statewide data representing the 66 counties within the Department of Health's vaccine jurisdiction:

- Pennsylvania's vaccine dashboard was updated on Friday, July 9 to more accurately reflect the number of people who are partially and fully vaccinated in each county outside of Philadelphia, along with demographics of those receiving vaccine. For state-to-state comparisons, refer to the [CDC vaccine data tracker](#)
- Vaccine providers have administered 11,477,668 total vaccine doses as of Thursday, July 22.
- 5,639,196 people are fully vaccinated: with a seven-day moving average of more than 11,200 people per day receiving vaccinations.

Education

[Confronting Health Misinformation \(hhs.gov\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Teens \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[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](#)

[Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories](#)

[U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Vaccine Channel Portfolio by Jurisdiction](#)

[Communication Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[Resources for Jurisdictions, Clinics, and Organizations](#)

Please return the Thermal Shippers of Pfizer Vaccine along with the Controlant monitor within 10 days of receipt.

Best Practice Refresher

Pfizer Diluent Replacement (CDC,2021)

Please be sure to include the diluent vials supplied with your order when redistributing or transporting Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Diluent is critical to the administration of Pfizer vaccine and must be included to ensure proper administration.

If the diluent vials have been lost, misplaced, or are no longer useable, CDC recommends the following actions:

1. Determine how the diluent was lost and develop strategies to prevent this from happening again. Replacing diluent must be done at the expense of the provider or jurisdiction. Replacement diluent increases the risk of vaccine administration errors and may impact the safety of the vaccine if managed incorrectly.
2. All COVID-19 vaccines are preservative free. When replacing diluent for Pfizer vaccine, **only 0.9% preservative-free sodium chloride** can be used. **Do not use** bacteriostatic 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection or any other diluent as they contain preservatives. This information is included in the [manufacturer's fact sheet for healthcare providers](#).
3. Diluent vials can only be used once and cannot be repeatedly punctured for multiple vials. Once diluent has been withdrawn from a vial **it MUST be discarded**, even if excessive saline is still available in the vial. Do not be tempted to re-puncture a diluent vial and withdraw additional diluent, even if mixing multiple vials for a mass vaccination clinic. Use only 1 vial of diluent with 1 vial of Pfizer vaccine. Failure to follow this practice may impact the safety of the vaccine. Additional information may be found at: [Questions about Single-dose/Single-use Vials | Injection Safety | CDC](#)

A full list of approved Pfizer distributors can be found at: [Pfizer Distributors | pfpfizeruscom](#)

Updated Guidance for K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs



CDC published updated guidance for K–12 schools and childcare programs with a focus on returning to in person education by the fall of 2021. Vaccination remains the best strategy. However, many schools and childcare programs serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, CDC’s guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies to protect those who are not fully vaccinated and who are not currently eligible for vaccination.

- o Updated Guidance: [School Settings | COVID-19 | CDC](#)
- o Updated Science Brief: [Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs - Updated | CDC](#)

Vaccines.gov Data Now Available on data.cdc.gov

Data populating Vaccines.gov (powered by Vaccine-Finder) are now available on the CDC open data repository. To access this dataset, search for “Vaccines.gov: COVID-19 vaccinating provider locations” at data.cdc.gov. The following information is available for each provider site set to display on Vaccines.gov:

- o Site Name & Location
- o Phone Number
- o Hours of Operation
- o Walk-in Availability
- o Website and Pre-screen URLs
- o Vaccine Stock Status (in or out of stock)
- o Date Last Updated

People Vaccinated Outside of the United States (CDC, 2021)

People who were vaccinated outside the United States with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine and have received all the recommended doses do not need any additional doses. People who received the first dose of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine that requires two doses do not need to restart the vaccine series in the United States but should receive the second dose as close to the recommended time as possible.

Some people may have received a COVID-19 vaccine that is not currently authorized in the United States. No data are available on the safety or efficacy of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized in the United States after receipt of a non-FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine. However, in some circumstances people who received a COVID-19 vaccine not currently authorized in the United States may be offered revaccination with an FDA-authorized vaccine:

- COVID-19 vaccines not authorized by FDA but listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO)



- People who have received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is listed for emergency use by WHO do not need any additional doses with an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.
- People who have not received all the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed for emergency use by WHO may be offered a complete, FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine series.
- COVID-19 vaccines neither authorized by FDA nor listed for emergency use by WHO
 - People who received all or some of the recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is neither authorized by FDA nor listed for emergency use by WHO may be offered a complete, FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine series.

The minimum interval between the last dose of a non-FDA authorized vaccine or a WHO-listed vaccine and an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine is 28 days. Only people who have received all recommended doses of an FDA-authorized or WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccine are considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of [public health guidance](#).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

The Impact of Federal, Faith and Community Partnership on the Frontlines of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution | FEMA.gov

Date: July 28, 2021 Time: 2:00 PM EDT - 3:00 PM EDT

COVID-19 Vaccine All Provider Call

Date: Aug 6th Time: 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

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