

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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Pfizer Transition to Comirnaty COVID-19 Vaccine

A new formulation of Pfizer vaccine for adults/adolescents, known as Comirnaty, will be available to Iowa healthcare providers. **Iowa will not be able to order Comirnaty until the current Pfizer inventory in the state is utilized.** **THE VACCINE ALLOCATION SURVEY ON DECEMBER 13, 2021, WILL NOT INCLUDE PFIZER ADOLESCENT/ADULT VACCINE IN ORDER TO UTILIZE EXISTING INVENTORY IN THE STATE.** Redistribution of Pfizer vaccine may be necessary for providers who need Pfizer vaccine.

The Comirnaty formulation will have a distinctive **GRAY** cap and:

- Will be available in smaller 300-dose configurations
- **Does not** require diluent
- May be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F) for up to 10 weeks; **DO NOT PLACE THE PRODUCT IN THE REGULAR FREEZER**
- Can be used on individuals 12 years of age and older

Healthcare providers should utilize existing Pfizer formulations (1170 and 450 dose packs) to the greatest extent possible. **CDC recommends provider sites should ideally carry only one Pfizer adult formulation at a time.** In order to avoid mistakes during this **period of transition** when both products may be in circulation, these products should not be offered/administered at the same time. Shipping containers CANNOT be used to store Comirnaty vaccines.

Comirnaty Ordering Availability

- CDC will review Iowa’s progress and use of current Pfizer in-field inventory on a weekly basis to assess the need and ability to order Comirnaty.
- CDC will notify Iowa when Comirnaty vaccine will be available to order for providers based on inventory levels of existing Pfizer 1170 and 450 dose packs.
 - Iowa will not be able to order Comirnaty until the current Pfizer inventory in the state is significantly reduced/utilized
- CDC will retire the current Pfizer 1170 packs ordering and transition to the Pfizer Comirnaty formulation
 - Minimum Order Quantity of Comirnaty will be 300 doses
- Health care providers should utilize existing Pfizer formulations (1170 and 450 dose packs) to the greatest extent possible.
- LPHAs and healthcare providers should collaborate to redistribute Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine inventory to reduce statewide vaccine inventory.
- CDC’s intent is health care providers will only have two formulations of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in inventory
 - Comirnaty Vaccine - 12 years of age and older (Gray Cap)
 - Pediatric Vaccine - 5 - 11 years (Orange Cap)

FDA Expands Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Dose to 16- and 17-Year-Olds

The FDA amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, authorizing the use of a single booster dose for administration to individuals 16 and 17 years of age at least six months after completion of primary vaccination with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Individuals who are 16 and 17 years of age should only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Comirnaty as their booster dose.

CDC released a [press release](#) endorsing the expansion of Pfizer boosters. Iowa healthcare providers can immediately begin to offer a single booster dose to individuals 16 and 17 years of age at least six months after completion of primary vaccination with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Additional Resources:

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)

The resources below are in the process of being updated to reflect the expanded recommendations:

- [Booster webpage for the public](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations](#)

Pfizer Product Overview

Description	Formulations		
	<i>Dilute Prior to Use</i>	<i>Do Not Dilute</i>	<i>Dilute Prior to Use</i>
Age Group	12 years and older	12 years and older	5 to <12 years*
Vial Cap Color	PURPLE 	GRAY (Coming soon) 	ORANGE 
Dose	30 mcg	30 mcg	10 mcg
Injection Volume	0.3 mL	0.3 mL	0.2 mL
Fill Volume (before dilution)	0.45 mL	2.25 mL	1.3 mL
Amount of Diluent* Needed per Vial	1.8 mL	NO DILUTION	1.3 mL
Doses per Vial	6 doses per vial (after dilution)	6 doses per vial	10 doses per vial (after dilution)
Storage Conditions			
ULT Freezer (-90°C to -60°C)	9 months	6 months	6 months
Freezer (-25°C to -15°C)	2 weeks	N/A	N/A
Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C)	1 month	10 weeks	10 weeks

*Diluent: 0.9% sterile Sodium Chloride Injection, USP (non-bacteriostatic; DO NOT USE OTHER DILUENTS)

Manufacturer	NDC Number	Product Name	Name	Configuration	Notes
Pfizer	59267-1000-02	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 195 vial tray	PBS 1170 (Purple Cap)	6 dose vial, diluent required	Retiring in December
Pfizer	59267-1025-04	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 10ct Adult	Adult Tris Comirnaty (Gray Cap)	6 dose vial, no diluent	Available to order when state supply of Pfizer in the field has been utilized
Pfizer	59267-1055-04	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 10ct Pediatric 10 mcg	Pediatric (Orange Cap)	10 dose vial, diluent required	Continuing for age 5-11 year olds

COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution

The Iowa Department of Public Health will be closed December 23-24, 2021. During this time, redistribution requests of COVID-19 vaccine will not be processed.

The [Vaccine Redistribution Policy and Process](#) and [Vaccine Redistribution Form](#) is required for each redistribution. Instructions for LPHAs to view provider IRIS inventory, along with COVID-19 Vaccine inventory maps, are posted to the HAN *3 COVID-19 Vaccine folder under the *1 Vaccine Inventory Maps. Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine redistribution and the transfer of COVID-19 vaccine can be directed to 1-800-831-6293 ext. 1 or COVID19Vaccine@idph.iowa.gov.

The redistribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the physical transfer of vaccine between COVID-19 vaccination providers **MUST ONLY** occur after IDPH approval and IRIS transfer is complete. Inventory adjustments or redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine without IDPH approval may result in the loss of COVID-19 vaccine provider status and removal of COVID-19 vaccines.

The following are requirements for the redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine:

- Redistribution will ONLY be allowed between IDPH approved COVID-19 vaccine providers
- **Redistribution MUST be completed prior to physically transferring COVID-19 vaccine**
- Redistribution must be completed before administration of COVID-19 vaccine
- Redistribution will require completion of the COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Form and prior approval by IDPH; IDPH will approve all requests within 24 hours
- Immunization Program staff will initiate the transfer of doses in the initiating organization's IRIS account, and will accept the transfer of doses in the receiving organization's IRIS account
- Transferring provider is responsible for the physical transfer of vaccine and ancillary supplies
Receiving organization is required to document COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in IRIS

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IRIS Reminders for Healthcare Providers

Please contact the IRIS Help Desk with changes or corrections needed to patient records, such as date of birth errors, misspelled names or duplicate records. Healthcare providers should not refer patients to call the IRIS Help Desk for such requests. IRIS users should review patient demographics at each visit and make changes as necessary to the patient's address, phone number, and responsible person fields.

Healthcare providers should have a process for providing patients with their immunization record. In addition, patients may request their immunization record from the Iowa Department of Public Health by completing this [record request form](#). Please contact the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 with questions or for any clarification.

Vaccine Expiration Date Resources

Always be sure to check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for COVID-19 vaccines. This is necessary for J&J vaccine as well as Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. It is important for healthcare providers to update vaccine expiration dates in IRIS. Questions regarding IRIS vaccine inventory and adjusting expiration dates can be directed to the IRIS Helpdesk at 800-374-3958.

For EUA COVID-19 vaccines that do not have a final expiration date, the CDC has set an expiration date of 12/31/2069 to serve as a placeholder date. Such vaccines have a dynamic expiration date, which can change over time as additional stability data become available. This placeholder date, which is far in the future, is intended to serve as a prompt for the provider to check the latest expiry information on the manufacturer's website. **It is important for healthcare providers to update vaccine expiration dates in IRIS.**

Janssen COVID-19 vaccine: The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Call 1-800-565-4008, or
- Go to www.vaxcheck.jnj/

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Go to www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/

Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine 5-11 years of age(orange cap):

- Pfizer does not have an expiration date look up tool for this vaccine
- Formulation does NOT have expiration printed on vial
- Instead, each vial has the lot number and date of manufacture printed on the label
- **Date on the label is NOT the expiration date**
- **Expiration date of the Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine is 6 months from the manufacturer date**
 - Example: A vial with a manufacture date of 8/2021 includes August. It does not start in September. Expiration date would be Jan 31, 2022.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine: This vaccine product has an expiration date located on the vaccine vial.

CDC’s [COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration Date Tracking Tool](#) can help providers keep track of the expiration date by lot number.

J&J/Janssen		Moderna		Pfizer	
Lot Number	Expiration	Lot Number	Expiration	Lot Number	Expiration
212A21A	12/21/2021	067D21A	12/11/2021	EW0191	12/31/2021
213A21A	12/21/2021	007C21A	12/12/2021	EW0196	12/31/2021
1822786	2/6/2022	059D21A	12/12/2021	EW0198	12/31/2021
1822809	3/7/2022	001C21A	12/13/2021	EW0202	12/31/2021
215C21A	3/8/2022	060D21A	12/13/2021	EW0217	12/31/2021
1822811	3/20/2022	002C21A	12/14/2021	FA6780	12/31/2021
203F21A	3/21/2022	014C21A	12/16/2021	FA7483	12/31/2021
204F21A	3/22/2022	939891	12/16/2021	FA7484	12/31/2021
		014E21A	12/16/2021	FA7485	1/31/2022
		083D21A	12/16/2021	FD8448	1/31/2022
		003C21A	12/17/2021	EY0584	1/31/2022
		939892	12/18/2021	FC3180	1/31/2022
		084D21A	12/18/2021	FC3182	1/31/2022
		084D21A-1	12/18/2021	FC3183	1/31/2022
		004C21A	12/19/2021	FC3184	1/31/2022
		017C21A	12/19/2021	FD0809	1/31/2022
		939893	12/19/2021	FC3181	1/31/2022
		016C21A	12/20/2021	FK5127	1/31/2022
		021C21A	12/21/2021	FJ5682	1/31/2022
		086D21A	12/21/2021		
		005C21A	12/22/2021		
		025C21A	12/23/2021		
		022C21A	12/23/2021		
		087D21A	12/23/2021		
		023C21A	12/24/2021		
		939894	12/25/2021		
		027C21A	12/26/2021		
		024C21A	12/26/2021		
		035C21A	12/30/2021		
		040C21A	12/30/2021		
		939895	12/30/2021		

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Updates on Current & Immunization Site Training

Pfizer Vaccines US Medical Affairs continues to host daily *Medical Updates & Immunization Site Training for All Providers with a Focus on Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 through 11 Years of Age*.

- In addition to Medical Updates, sessions will focus on the Storage, Handling, & Administration for currently available vaccine presentations
- These sessions will be updated to reflect new information and changes that evolve. Such updates will be identified at the start of each session and further explained during each presentation.

Please click on the links below to join the sessions at the designated times.*

Date & Time	Password
Attendee link – Mon December 13 – 5 PM ET	D9ufVHMSM99
Attendee link – Tues December 14 – 5 PM ET	H3WuiDZtd22
Attendee link – Wed December 15 – 12 PM ET	gpPQjEdZ494
Attendee link – Thurs December 16 – 12 PM ET	cVST3X9Rff2

Vaccination Supplies

The State of Iowa has recently obtained a limited quantity of individual 25 Gauge 5/8 inch safety needles, 1cc syringes, and a supply of combination 1 inch safety needles and 1 CC syringes. These vaccination supplies are available upon request by Local Public Health Agencies. These supplies are intended to be a back-up resource, the vaccine ancillary kits delivered with the vaccine will have 1 or 1^{1/2} inch needles, however IDPH is aware many prefer the 5/8 inch needles for the younger pediatric doses.

LPHAs should contact their [county emergency management coordinator](#) to request these supplies. County Emergency Managers will enter an individual WebEOC Mission for each LPHA requesting the needles and syringes.

V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources.

- V-safe information sheet and poster: Posted on the Vaccine webpage and available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)