

Weekly Vaccine Digest 12/29/23

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Happy Holidays Colleagues and Partners!

Below are the LACDPH weekly vaccine administration and order updates, upcoming webinars, and newsworthy events to close out the year. Attached you will find a pdf version of this document. To view the CDPH recordings, slides and other important information please visit <https://eziz.org/>. We have received additional doses for the Bridge Access Program (BAP). Please submit your vaccine order by Monday at 5:00 pm to receive your vaccine order the following week. Orders submitted after Monday at 5:00 pm may take an additional week to deliver. Please order a 1–2-week supply of COVID-19 vaccine through myCAvax and re-order as necessary as you assess patient demand.

If you received this email and would like to be added to our listserv, please contact our COVID-19 Provider Vaccine Call Center at covidvaccinereq@ph.lacounty.gov

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Pfizer (Comirnaty) 12 yrs+ COVID-19 Vaccine Storage & Handling

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Presentation Change**
 - New **Refrigerated** Pfizer 12y+ COVID-19 Vaccine!
 - For orders placed on December 11th or earlier, this new product will NOT be used to fulfill those orders.
 - This new presentation comes as single-dose pre-filled syringe and **MUST BE STORED BETWEEN 2°C - 8°C (36°F and 46°F)**.
 - The expiration date is printed on the carton or syringe labels.
 - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 6m-4y and 5-11y, that ship to providers in CDC's programs directly from Pfizer on dry ice and can be stored at either at ultracold temperatures until expiry or up to 10 weeks at 2°C - 8°C.
 - Pfizer will continue to allow providers to privately order the original pre- filled syringes (PFS) for age 12+ so, providers may have BOTH presentations – PFS with a 10-week beyond-use-date (BUD) and PFS that can be used through the expiration date.
 - To avoid confusion, providers who have the previous presentation (Pfizer 12y+ Single-Dose Vials - 10 pack) on-hand should deplete their inventory before ordering the new presentation

Order and Administration Reminders

- **REMINDER:** There will be NO BAP or VFC deliveries from December 20th through December 29th.
- **REMINDER:** The CDPH Provider Call Center will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024
- Vaccine delivered from the DPH warehouse will be delivered 3-7 business days after the order is place in myCAvax. Please present a photo ID (work badge, school ID, driver's license, etc.) and sign for the delivery when received.

- **REMINDER:** If a Shipment Incident results in a Temperature Excursion, providers should always report the Shipment Incident first. CDPH will determine if the vaccine should be reported as waste and then they will inform the provider
 - VFC providers should report temperature excursions and waste events in myVFCvaccines
 - BAP and SGF providers should report temperature excursions and waste events in myCAvax
 - Outbreak (mpox/Jynneos) providers should NOT report temperature excursions in myCAvax, but all waste events should be recorded in myCAvax in vials NOT doses.
 - Note: Expired or spoiled Jynneos vaccine does NOT need to be returned to LAC DPH or the manufacturer. Ignore the “Return Shipping Method” section when reporting a waste event and leave it as the default. That section is only for providers in counties besides LA County.
- **REMINDER:** Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax are all available for ordering through myCAvax for Bridge Access Program (BAP) providers and through myVFCvaccines for Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers VFC providers may only report through myVFCvaccines.
 - VFC providers that report in the wrong system (myCAvax) should contact the Provider Call Center at ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 for guidance on removing or updating the incorrect report BAP providers may only report through myCAvax.
 - BAP providers that report in the wrong system (myVFCvaccines) should contact the VFC Call Center at myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov or call (877) 243-8832 for guidance on removing or updating the incorrect report
- **REMINDER:** Job aid for Vaccine and Clinic Eligibility by Funding Source can be found [here](#).
- **UPDATED:** Bap Eligibility Resource can be found [here](#)
- CA BAP Program Requirements can be found [here](#).
- Additional BAP Resources can be found [here](#).
- **NOTE:** CAIR/RIDE Registry ID's - Under AB 1797, vaccine providers are required to enter immunization information into the California Immunization Registry ([CAIR](#)).
 - **VFC Providers without an immunization registry ID will not be able to move forward with 2024 Recertification.**
 - CAIR webinar slides and recordings regarding AB 1797 are available at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/trainingsconferences.htm>
- **NOTE:** V-safe for RSV Vaccines in Older Adults Now Available
 - V-safe now available for adults 60 years and older who received RSV vaccine
 - V-safe is also available for pregnant people who received RSV vaccine
 - V-safe is a safety monitoring system that lets you share with CDC how you, or your dependent, feel after getting an RSV vaccine.
 - Using V-safe after RSV vaccination requires a new registration.
 - Please encourage your patients to participate.
 - [CDC V-safe](#)
 - [V-safe print materials](#)
- Covid-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets can be found [here](#).
- Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Resources:
 - [Novavax at a Glance](#) (CDC, 10/31/23)
 - [Storage & BUD Tracking Labels](#) (CDC, 10/18/23)
 - [Standing Orders](#) (CDC, 10/31/23)
 - [Expiry Checker](#) (Novavax)
 - [Temperature Excursion Checker](#) (Novavax)
 - [CDC Resources by Product](#)

- CDPH Office of Communications Job Aid: Pregnancy and Immunizations. [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

VFC & VFA RECERTIFICATION

- Due date: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**
- Annual 2024 Recertification is through myVFCvaccines
 - Annual Recertification and Training is a federal requirement to maintain active status in the VFC Program and receive publicly purchased vaccines.
 - VFA Providers will do a 2nd “Recertification” in myCAvax when those programs transition in February 2024.
 - Update Key Practice Staff for the adult programs
 - POR to sign updated 2024 VFA Provider Agreement
- All public and private providers must recertify yearly
 - Recertification maintains the PIN’s active status
- All VFC providers must enroll in CAIR and provide a CAIR ID to recertify. If you’re not sure if your practice is already participating in an immunization registry, contact the CAIR Help Desk (CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov or 800-578-7889). CAIR also has Local CAIR Representatives that can support you with any questions you may have.
- [Vaccine Supply, Recertification and Holiday Operation Hours can be found here.](#)
- [Who, When, Where and What You Need to Do for VFC Recertification can be found here.](#)
- [VFC Recertification FAQs can be found here.](#)

RSV

- [CDPH Respiratory Virus Dashboard is now Live](#)
 - Interactive display allows the viewer to track influenza and COVID-19 side by side
 - Scroll down for more detailed views
 - ICU bed availability is also tracked
 - All views statewide for now
- Young Children and Older Adults at Increased Risk for Severe Viral Respiratory Illness
 - In the last 4 weeks, hospitalization rates have increased by:
 - **200%** for influenza
 - **51%** COVID-19
 - **60%** for RSV
- Urgent Need: Increase Respiratory Virus Immunization Coverage
 - **Vaccine coverage is low** for all recommended respiratory vaccines
 - Recommend and administer immunizations to prevent severe illness.
 - Everyone 6 months and older to stay up to date on [COVID-19 vaccines](#) and get a [seasonal flu vaccine](#).
 - [RSV immunizations](#) are now available for infants and young children, pregnant people and adults 60 years and older.
- [Fall and Winter 2023-2024 Immunizations guide can be found here.](#)
- RSV Summary
 - Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV hospitalizations are increasing

- Infants and older adults are at high risk of severe disease from respiratory viruses
- Urgent need to continue immunization efforts to prevent severe illness this season. **Your strong recommendation is critical!**
- Remember to treat COVID-19 and influenza, especially for high-risk individuals
- Recent data supports effectiveness of immunizations to prevent severe illness

LACDPH & CDPH Provider Office Hours Link

LA County Department of Public Health Provider Immunization Office Hours Information

- **Every other Wednesday from 9am-10am - Next meeting: 1/03/2024**
 - **NOTE: Effective 2/01/23 the Office Hours will be held on a biweekly basis**
- This has been meeting amended to discuss COVID, Mpox, Flu and RSV vaccines. The meeting link will remain the same.
- MS Teams meeting link below; please create a recurring calendar invite with this link.
- **To request meeting slides, please email covidvaccinereg@ph.lacounty.gov**

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 350 547 595#

California Department of Public Health Provider Office Hours Registration Link

- **Every Friday from 9am-10:30am.**
- Complete one-time registration [here](#).
- Meeting recordings and slides can be found [here](#).

Providers should add staff names to the Provider Listserv to receive weekly emails and updates. To be added, please email blanca.corona@cdph.ca.gov