

Vaccine Inventory

VFC providers must stock all routine Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) vaccines, public and private, according to the Provider/Clinic Population Information in the VFC Provider Agreement. This includes COVID-19 vaccine; however, providers have until March 31, 2024 to meet this requirement for the COVID-19 vaccine. The only exception is for birthing centers, as these patients are not in the prescribing age range.

Primary and Back-Up VFC Contacts

The primary and back-up VFC contacts need to ensure they are receiving email notifications from ShowMeVax for the following: orders approved or rejected, returns approved or rejected, temperature excursions, and thermometer calibrations due date. To verify notifications are turned on, log into ShowMeVax, go to the arrow next to your username, click 'User Defaults', then scroll to the bottom to email notifications, and check the box for each of the items in the list above.

Vaccine Orders/Returns

When submitting vaccine orders or returns, the date created must be the current date.

Nirsevimab (Beyfortus)

RSV season (for infants) ends March 31, 2024; infants should not be vaccinated for RSV beginning April 1, 2024, however, the Beyfortus should remain in the vaccine storage unit and clinic inventory through the expiration date.

RSV Vaccine Recommendations

- AREXVY® GSK's RSV vaccine may only be used for adults 60 years and older year-round.
- ABRSYVO® Pfizer's RSV vaccine may be used for adults 60 years and older year-round.

2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine

The new VIS can be found at [Vaccine Information Statement: COVID-19 \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html). For the most current vaccine schedule visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>.

- Pfizer "Comirnaty" is available in limited quantities for children 6 months and older
 - Store in the refrigerator between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 10 weeks
 - Store non-glass vials/syringes between -90°C and -60°C until the expiration date
 - Multi-dose vial for children 6 months through 4 years
 - Once diluted use within 12 hours
 - Single-dose vials or prefilled syringes for children 5 years and older
- Moderna "SpikeVax" for children 6 months and older
 - Product may be stored in a freezer or refrigerator:
 - Stored in the freezer until the expiration date
 - Store in a refrigerator between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 30 days
 - Available in all single-dose vials or single prefilled syringes
 - Discard any remaining fluid in the vial after the correct dose is withdrawn. Doses for the following populations:
 - Dose for 6 months – 11 years is 0.25mL
 - Dose for 12 years and older is 0.5mL
- Novavax for adolescents 12 years and older
 - Store in a refrigerator between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) until expiration date
 - Provided in a multi-dose vial. There are 5 doses in each vial
 - Discard the vial after 5 doses have been withdrawn



Influenza

- Flu season is still upon us.
- Continue with influenza vaccination until the vaccine expires.
- So far this flu season there have been 103 pediatric deaths.

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice Updates

- 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine formulation update-
 - Individuals 65 years older
 - Should receive additional dose separated by at least 4 months from previous dose.
 - Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals
 - Ages 19-64 years may receive an additional dose separated by at least 8 weeks from the previous dose.
 - Age 65 years and older should receive an additional dose separated by at least 8 weeks from the previous dose.
- DT is no longer available, the last doses expired in April 2023.
 - Td now may be used off-label for children <7 who have developed a contraindication to DTaP vaccine.
 - Start the child with a dose of DTaP and if a contraindication develops switch any future dose to Td.
 - Child may have sub-optimal protection against diphtheria.
- Polio recommendations for adults updated Dec 2023
 - Unvaccinated adults 18 years and older should complete a primary series of IPV.
 - Doses 1 and 2 separated by at least 4 weeks.
 - Doses 2 and 3 separated by at least 6 months.
 - Vaccinated adults 18 years and older who have received either OPV or a IPV in any combination who are at increased risk for exposure to polio may receive another dose of IPV.

Normal Ordering Cadence

VFC orders are placed during the regular ordering cycle from the 1st to the 14th of the month. However, if you determine that your vaccine stock is not sufficient, you may place an additional order with the submission of a current reconciliation and temperature documentation if it has been more than 14 days since the last submission.

VFC Shipments

VFC providers must accept vaccine shipments in ShowMeVax when the shipment arrives at the clinic, not at the end of the month.

Borrowing

Effective immediately, VFC providers do not need to submit borrowing forms to the helpdesk. Borrowing forms must be kept on-site for a minimum of three years and made available upon request.

Reconciliation and Temperature Documentation

Reconciliation and temperature documentation are due monthly, no exceptions, even when a vaccine order is not being placed. Both items must be completed from the 1st of the month through the 14th of the month for the entire previous month.

PIN

Each VFC provider has a unique PIN (Provider Identification Number). Please ensure you are including your PIN on all documents and emails sent to the VFC program to avoid delays in processing.

