We mean it this time.

BRACE YOURSELF

YOUNG PEDI VACCINES ARE COMING
On May 23, the FDA revised the dates of the upcoming Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee meetings due to new data from sponsors and expected submissions of emergency use authorization (EUA) requests. The new dates are as follows:

- **June 7** will be a discussion of the EUA request for Novavax. There is no US distribution planned at this time.

- **June 14** will be the new meeting date for the FDA and its advisory committee of external experts to discuss Moderna’s EUA request for 6 years through 17 years of age.

- **June 15** will be the new meeting date for the Moderna EUA request for 6 months through 5 years of age and Pfizer-BioNTech EUA request for 6 months through 4 years of age, based on expected completion of an EUA submission.

- **June 28** the committee will meet to discuss strain composition of COVID-19 Vaccines.
## Young Pedi Take 2 – The Remix

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<th>Pfizer (maroon cap)</th>
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<td><strong>Age</strong></td>
<td>6 months – 5 years²</td>
<td>6 months – 4 years¹</td>
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<td><strong>Preparation</strong></td>
<td>No Diluent²</td>
<td>Dilute Before Use¹</td>
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<td><strong>Amount of Diluent Needed per Vial</strong></td>
<td>No Diluent²</td>
<td>2.2 mL¹</td>
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<td><strong>Dose Volume/Dose</strong></td>
<td>0.25mL/25mcg²</td>
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<td><strong>Doses per Vial</strong></td>
<td>10 doses per vial²</td>
<td>10 doses per vial (after dilution)¹</td>
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<td><strong>Anticipated Primary Series</strong></td>
<td>Two (25mcg) doses³</td>
<td>Three (3mcg) doses⁴</td>
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### Storage Conditions

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<td>ULT Freezer (-90°C to -60°C)</td>
<td>DO NOT STORE⁵</td>
<td>9 months¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>Freezer (-25°C to -15°C)</td>
<td>Through expiration date⁵</td>
<td>DO NOT STORE¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C)</td>
<td>TBD⁵</td>
<td>10 weeks¹</td>
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<td>Room Temperature (8°C to 25°C)</td>
<td>TBD⁵</td>
<td>12 hours prior to first puncture (including any thaw time)¹</td>
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<td>After First Puncture (2°C to 25°C)</td>
<td>TBD⁵</td>
<td>Discard after 12 hours¹</td>
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(Source: ¹Pfizer Comparison Table; ²CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Codes; ³Moderna EUA Press Release; ⁴Pfizer EUA Press Release; ⁵presumed to match current conditions listed here: [https://eua.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/storage-handling](https://eua.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/storage-handling).)
Planning Assumptions

CDC will make thresholds and pre-ordering available prior to EUA approval and ACIP recommendation to facilitate quick distribution of product.

Packaging Configuration: 1 tray will contain 10 vials with 10 doses per vial (100 doses total)

Minimum Order Quantity: 100 doses for each product for direct ship; any multiple of 10 available via redistribution

Ancillary Supplies Provided: 1-inch needles and syringes to support 100 doses of vaccine. Diluent will be provided with ancillary supplies to support 100 doses per kit for the Pfizer vaccine.

- Providers may choose to opt out of ancillary shipments for any vaccine product that does not utilize diluent. Ancillary kits that contain diluent do not have an opt out option.

- CDC does not intend to provide needles smaller than 1 inch. If you want smaller needles you will need to source your own supplies. Please keep in mind that it is considered best practice to use a 1-inch needle for intramuscular injections for children over 1 month of age. [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/admin-protocols.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/admin-protocols.html) preparation guide: [https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3085.pdf](https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3085.pdf)
What can providers do now?

Providers should take the time to begin their own plans to recommend and/or administer COVID-19 vaccines to their patients. Multiple studies have indicated that parents and guardians of children in this age group prefer to be vaccinated at their provider office. **That is why we are asking that all providers who see young pediatric patients carry COVID-19 vaccine in their offices, continue to make a strong provider recommendation, and have conversations with parents and patients to increase vaccine confidence.**

Providers should begin messaging parents/guardians of children 6 months – 4 years right now! This messaging should include:

- A strong provider recommendation; resources can be found [here](#).
- Whether your office is planning to administer COVID-19 vaccine for this new age group
- If you aren’t planning on administering COVID-19 vaccine, information on where your patients can go to receive vaccine. The DPH van clinics will be providing pediatric vaccines and the schedule can be found [here](#). Please note, even if you do not plan on providing COVID-19 vaccine in your office, this does not preclude you from making a strong recommendation!
The Department sent an email to all CoVP providers to assess readiness and anticipated barriers to vaccinate children under age 5.

If you have multiple enrolled provider locations, then please complete a separate survey for each PIN.

This will help us to plan our mobile clinics for areas of the state where there are fewer clinics administering vaccine to children under age 5.

Please complete the survey at the link below by Friday, June 3, 2022.

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HJZGXX
Challenges faced by providers who are planning to vaccinate kids <5

Q: (If willing to vaccinate) What potential challenges could your organization face in vaccinating children ages 6m-4y? (Select all that apply)

% responses by provider type as of 2/18/22 (Providers N = 150)

- Parental hesitation
- Staff availability
- Physical space at the clinic locations
- Staff training
- Consent process
- Providing patient/parent education
- Other (please specify)

Most common concerns were parental hesitation and staff availability—accounting for 68% of PCP concerns.

Note: PCP and FQHCs are mutually exclusive categories (i.e. PCP = primary care, excl. FQHCs).
Addressing Provider Challenges

• Providers can prepare to address **parental hesitation** by staying current on vaccine facts and safety data [here](#) and sharing talking points with clinic staff. Additionally, providers should make a strong personal recommendation to parents/patients.

• If **staff availability** and **physical space at the clinic locations** is a challenge your clinic faces, then you can incorporate COVID-19 vaccine administration in normal clinic operations. Keep vaccine in your office and provide it to scheduled patients as they come into the office throughout the summer. Many parents want to get their child vaccinated at their provider office or after they have spoken to the provider so don't let it become a missed opportunity!

• Look at **staff training resources** for training materials and modules on COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine administration, vaccine storage and handling.

• There are great **resources** to address **patient/parent education**— templated letter, factsheets, posters, social media graphics and videos.

• The **15-min post-vaccination observation period** should not be a challenge for regular vaccine providers since it is an [ACIP best practice](#) for children/adolescents.

• Providers with **wastage concerns** should not let it be a barrier to providing vaccine to their patients. While we encourage all providers to minimize vaccine wastage, it is inevitable due to the manufacturer's vaccine packaging, which is why providers are not penalized for wastage (i.e., unused doses from a multi-dose vial). Providers are just required to report any wastage for tracking purposes.
To be eligible to receive vaccine on day one, you must be able to receive a shipment on **Monday, June 20** (Federal observance of Juneteenth). Anyone who orders product but is unable to receive a shipment on Monday, June 20 (Federal observance of Juneteenth) will have product delivered shortly thereafter. As with previous rollouts, we anticipate distributors will fill orders on a first in, first out basis.

A dedicated order form is being used for the first week that Pfizer’s young pediatric COVID-19 vaccine is available. In future weeks, we will add the pedi products to the usual COVID-19 vaccine order form.

For Monday, June 20 delivery, please complete **this form** by end of day Thursday, June 2.

The final deadline for a week 1 delivery (Tuesday 6/21 – Friday 6/24) will be end of day Sunday, June 12.
CT WiZ/VAMS Update
Vaccine Temperature Excursions and Wastage

Patient Reminder/Recall Report Resources

Recent CT WiZ SMART Health Card Updates

New Immunization Program Webpage Coming Soon!

Version 1.0
5/31/2022
How to Report a Temperature Excursion

• DPH Ticketing System: Select the topic

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* - Required Field
Determining if a ‘Temperature Excursion’ Results in Wastage – Need Assistance

Create a ticket

What system do you need assistance with? Immunizations (CT WIZ) *
Select the category: Clinic Administration *
Select the topic: Report Vaccine Temperature Excursion *
Select the sub topic: Need assistance

Please provide your contact information and a staff member will reach out to assist you. The following information may also be helpful:

Ensure all vaccine is stored at the appropriate temperature and mark “do not use” until you determine viability. This may require you to enact your backup plan and transport vaccine.
- Moderna Call Center or Excursion Tool 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762) https://tools.modernamedinfo.com/excursion/
- Pfizer Vaccine 1-800-TRY-FIRST (1-800-879-3477); directshipCOVID@cdc.gov
- Janssen/Johnson and Johnson Vaccine 800-565-4008 (or) 1-908-455-9922; JSCCOVIDTEMPEXCURSION@its.jnj.com
- For CVP supplied vaccines, please refer to this document for manufacturer information: CDC Handling a Temperature Excursion

Additional information can be found:
- Moderna Product Summary
- Pfizer Product Summary
- U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information
- Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources

Please click HERE to submit a help desk ticket.
Determining if a ‘Temperature Excursion’ Results in Wastage – Received a Non-Viable Shipment

1. Ensure all vaccine is stored at the appropriate temperature and mark "do not use" until you determine viability.

2. Call the number in the shipper to report a non-viable delivery
   - McKesson is the centralized distribution of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary kits.
     1-855-342-2702; COVIDVaccineSupport@McKesson.com

3. Call Moderna/Pfizer/JnJ to determine viability and request documentation.
   - Moderna Call Center or Excursion Tool: 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762) https://tools.modernamedinfo.com/excursion/
   - Pfizer Vaccines: 1-800-TRV-FIRST (1-800-870-3477); directshipCOVID@cdcd.gov
   - Janssen/Johnson and Johnson Vaccine: 800-555-4008 (or) 1-908-455-9922; 350COVIDTEMPEXCURSION@its.jnj.com
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   - Briefly describe the temperature excursion
   - Attach manufacturer documentation on viability determination

Following these steps immediately will ensure that you receive a replacement shipped if necessary.

Additional information can be found:
- Moderna Product Summary
- Pfizer Product Summary
- U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information
- Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources
Determining if a ‘Temperature Excursion’ Results in Wastage – Temperature Excursion Occurred

Please take these steps, if you haven’t done so already and then return here to report the excursion outcome:

1. Ensure all vaccine is stored at the appropriate temperature and mark "do not use" until you determine viability. This may require you to enact your backup plan and transport vaccine.

2. Immediately call Moderna/Pfizer/JnJ to determine viability and request documentation.
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3. Report outcome to the Department of Public Health. Provide the following details below:
   - Briefly describe the temperature excursion
   - Attach a copy of your temperature log
   - Attach manufacturer documentation on viability determination

NOTE: This ticket will not generate any outreach from a DPH staff member.

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How to Report Vaccine Wastage to DPH

DPH Ticketing System:
• Select the topic
• Select the sub topic
Documenting Vaccine Wastage in CT WiZ

• Please document all vaccine wastage in CT WiZ.
• Failure to do so will result in the number of doses in your on-hand inventory not agreeing with the number documented in CT WiZ.
• All vaccine adjustments are reviewed by DPH.
How Do I Document Wasted Vaccine

1. Click on Inventory
2. Click on Vaccines
3. Click on On-Hand
Adjust Vaccine-Wastage

How Do I Document Wasted Vaccine

Click on the Action button for the wasted vaccine. Then click on Adjustment.
1. Enter the **Date** and **Time** of the wastage.
2. Select the **Reason** for the wastage from the dropdown.
3. Under **Modification**, select subtract. Note, certain adjustment reasons will automatically select the modification.
4. Enter the number of doses wasted under **Doses Adjusted**.
5. Enter a **Comment** describing why the vaccine was wasted.
6. When finished, click **Create**.

This removes the vaccine from your on-hand inventory.

_All vaccine adjustments are reviewed by DPH_
Patient Reminder/Recall Report Resources

- CT WiZ Reports Manual
- Training Materials
- Video
5/9 CT WiZ Release & SMART Health Cards

• "View COVID-19 QR Code" button is now available in the Public Portal!

• “Add to Apple Wallet & Health” button is now available for iPhone in the Public Portal!

• Refer to the How to Access Your Vaccination Record in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

• FAQ’s

Note: On 6/14/22, the ‘Recommender’ will update the boosters for 5-11 yr on COVID-19 only record.
New Immunization Program Webpage!
Question and Answers

To ask a question, please raise your hand using the hand icon on your screen, type your question in the chat box or if you are on the phone press *6 to unmute yourself.

If you have additional questions after the meeting, please feel free to email them to DPH.Immunizations@ct.gov

You can fill out a help desk ticket by visiting https://dph-cthelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket