

Wastage policy

The Guiding principle is to make all reasonable efforts to use all doses to vaccinate individuals who are eligible in the current Phase of eligibility.

In order to use all doses in a multi-dose vial at the end of a clinic day

Reasonable effort should include:

- **Proactive planning – maintain a waitlist:** Maintain a waitlist of individuals who can be called in at short notice at the end of a clinic day should there be leftover doses – these can be from local EMS, Medical First Responders, or Medical Groups in your area. Establish a point of contact with these groups or a list of individuals with contact information. The waitlist could also include staff members of your clinics who have received first doses once they are in the window for second doses.
- **Active management – call in people from the waitlist:** Near the end of the clinic day, if it seems that there will not be enough individuals to receive vaccine to make full use of a vial, call individuals in from your waitlist.
- **Active management – deferral of vaccination:** If there are not enough people at the end of the clinic day to make use of an entire vial, consider deferring administration to the next day, asking these individuals to return the next day for their vaccine. For example, You can tell 4 individuals who may be asked to return that they are enabling an extra 6 people to receive vaccine (in the case of a 10-dose Moderna vial).

If an excursion occurs and a large number of doses are at risk of being wasted

All storage and handling requirements must always be abided – including maintaining an emergency back-up plan and ensuring appropriate storage of vaccines. All relevant staff must be aware of and ready to execute their roles in the back-up plan scenario. (See Storage & Handling Policy).

In the event of a temperature excursion that requires a large number of doses to be used in a short time window (e.g., 12 hours), focus should be on administration of vaccine to people in the current phase of eligibility.

If all reasonable efforts come up short

If all reasonable efforts have been made and current phase-eligible individuals are not available, vaccination can proceed in the following sequence:

- Individuals 75 years of age or older;
- Frontline essential workers (define);
- Individuals 65-74 years of age;
- Others.

This sequence will be updated based on Connecticut's Phases policy once available