

# COVID-19 Vaccination Program Terminology

## Overview

The DPH COVID-19 Vaccination Program has terminology associated with the systems it utilizes. This glossary contains common terms and definitions. If using this glossary electronically, click the letters below to navigate.

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Term	Definitions
<b>ACIP</b>	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC)
<b>Adverse Event</b>	Any health problem that occurs after vaccination,
<b>Appointment Reservation Tiers</b>	Allow standard and mobile clinics to assign percentages of appointment capacity for each of the four appointment types.
<b>ASTHO</b>	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

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Term	Definitions
<b>Bi-directional (interface between EHR and CT WiZ)</b>	Data exchanged in two directions from EHR to the IIS and from IIS to the EHR. Data exchanged refers to Query (QBP) HL7 message submissions that are sent to an IIS and Response (RSP) HL7 message submissions that are returned by an IIS in response to a querying system.

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Term	Definitions
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>Clinic (*Clinic Types)</b>	Healthcare setting providing outpatient care with one permanent location for vaccination.
<b>Clinic Portal</b>	VAMS portal used by clinic users. Clinics can use VAMS to: Register the clinic, Check in recipients, Document and track COVID-19 vaccine administration and waste, and Monitor vaccine inventory levels.
<b>Cold Chain</b>	A temperature-controlled supply chain that includes all vaccine-related equipment and procedures.
<b>Cold Chain Management</b>	The cold chain begins at the COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing plant, includes delivery to and storage and the provider site and ends with administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.
<b>CT COVID Vaccine Finder</b>	Connecticut's vaccine finder webpage that allows users to search for vaccine locations by address, neighborhood, city, or zip code. <a href="https://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/">https://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/</a>
<b>CoVP</b>	COVID-19 Vaccination Program
<b>.csv file</b>	A comma-separated values (CSV) file is a delimited text file that uses a comma to separate values. This type of file is required for bulk upload of employees on the Organization/Employer Portal. See VAMS Employer/Organization Manual at: <a href="https://vams.ct.gov/COVID-19/VaccineProviders">COVID-19 Vaccine Providers (ct.gov)</a>
<b>CT WiZ</b>	Connecticut's statewide Immunization Information System (IIS). For more information go to: <a href="#">ALL ABOUT CT WiZ</a>
<b>CVP</b>	Connecticut Vaccine Program is Connecticut's expanded pediatric vaccination program. The program is state and federally funded and provides vaccines at no cost to children under the age of 19 years. For more information

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	go to: <a href="#">Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)</a>
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Term	Definitions
<b>DPH</b>	Connecticut Department of Public Health
<b>DUA</b>	Data Use Agreement (DUA) signed by each jurisdiction (CT DPH in Connecticut) to ensure security and confidentiality of the data.

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<b>EUA</b>	Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) allows the FDA to help strengthen the nation's health protections against CBRN threats by facilitating the availability and use of medical countermeasures needed during public health emergencies.
<b>EHR</b>	Electronic Health Record. For more information on EHR exchange with CT WiZ go to: <a href="#">Electronic Health Records (EHR)</a>
<b>EPIC</b>	Electronic Medical Record system used primarily by hospitals and health systems to access, organize, store, and share electronic medical records.
<b>Expiration Dates (COVID-19 Vaccine)</b>	Vaccine vials and cartons will not contain a printed expiration date.

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Term	Definitions
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>FEMA</b>	FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency whose mission is

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	to help people before, during and after disasters.
<b>FQHC</b>	Federally Qualified Health Center

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Term	Definitions
<b>Healthcare Personnel</b>	Paid or unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to people with COVID-19 or infectious materials.
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>HL7</b>	Health Level Seven International, Electronic Health Record Electronic Data Exchange with CT Wiz
<b>Homebound Vaccine Recipients</b>	Individuals who are medically or physically unable to leave their home to receive a COVID-19 vaccine can register their need for in-home vaccination.

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<b>IAP</b>	Immunization Action Plan (IAP). IAP objectives are to increase immunization among children by: Conducting outreach and tracking using our statewide immunization information system (IIS), Educating the public about the importance of vaccination and Conducting assessments in pediatric practices to improve vaccine delivery.

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	For more information go to: <a href="#">Immunization Action Plan (IAP)</a>
<b>IIS</b>	CT WiZ is Connecticut's IIS. Immunization information systems (IIS) are confidential, population-based, computerized databases that record all immunization doses administered by participating providers to persons residing within a given geopolitical area
<b>Immunization Gateway (IZ Gateway)</b>	Increases the availability and volume of complete and accurate immunization data stored within the IIS and available to providers and consumers regardless of their jurisdictional boundaries.

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<b>Jurisdiction Portal</b>	Used to add vaccination clinics, organizations/employers, runs Einstein reports to review data, responds to inventory requests, and monitors inventory requests. DPH is the jurisdiction for Connecticut.

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Term	Definitions
<b>LHD</b>	Local Health Department/District
<b>LTCF</b>	Long Term Care Facility

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<b>Manufactured Date</b>	Manufactured date will be on the vaccine packaging and should not be

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	used as the expiration date when adding inventory nor documenting vaccine administration.
<b>MCM</b>	Medical Countermeasures
<b>Member</b>	An individual uploaded in VAMS to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
<b>Mobile Clinic</b>	A clinic that moves to multiple locations for vaccination (e.g., a mobile clinic bus or van).
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MU</b>	Meaningful Use. For more information on Meaningful Use go to: <a href="#">Meaningful Use</a>
<b>Multi-clinic User</b>	A clinic user who performs the same or different roles at multiple clinics registered in VAMS. This user can switch between clinic VAMS accounts within the Clinic Portal.
<b>Multi-Portal user</b>	A VAMS user with access to multiple VAMS portals (e.g., a clinic administrator who is also registered as a VAMS recipient can access the Clinic Portal and Recipient Portal).

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Term	Definitions
<b>National Drug Code (NDC)</b>	A unique 10-digit or 11-digit, 3-segment number, and a universal product identifier for human drugs in the United States.

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<b>Organization</b>	Any institution, association, company, or other group that will add their essential workers to VAMS.
<b>Organization/Employer Portal</b>	VAMS portal used by organizations and employers to add their essential workers (first name, last name, and email only).

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Term	Definitions
<b>Pharmacy (*Clinic Types)</b>	Clinic with one permanent location for vaccination.
<b>POC</b>	Point of Contact (POC). The Point of Contact in the Clinic and Organization/Employer portals receive emails to complete the registration. The POC can be changed after the registration is complete.
<b>Pop-Up Clinic</b>	A temporary clinic that has one permanent location (e.g., a clinic set up in a school gym that will stay at that location while it is open).
<b>Prevaccination Questionnaire</b>	Questionnaire recipients must complete prior to receiving vaccine. Healthcare professionals will review this information to ensure there are no contraindications or precautions present before administering vaccine.

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Term	Definitions
<b>QR Code</b>	Each vaccine will include a Quick Response (QR) code on the vaccine carton for accessing FDA-authorized, vaccine product-specific EUA fact sheets for COVID-19 vaccination providers and COVID-19 vaccine recipients. Recipients also receive a QR code on their appointment confirmation page. This QR code can be used for quick check in at the clinic.

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<b>Recipient</b>	Employee added to VAMS by their employer. An email is sent to the

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	recipient to complete their registration and the information necessary to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.
<b>Recipient Portal</b>	VAMS portal used by vaccine recipients.

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<b>2d Barcode</b>	Available on the vaccine carton (also on the vials for some vaccines) will include NDC, lot number and placeholder expiration date of 12/31/9999
<b>2d Barcode Scanning</b>	Allows clinic users to use a 2d barcode scanner to scan COVID-19 vaccine information into the VAMS system.
<b>Temperature Monitoring Device (TMD)</b>	Devices used to measure and monitor the temperature where vaccines are stored.
<b>Third Party Clinic</b>	Clinics responsible for both adding and managing recipient records as well as administering and tracking recipients in VAMS.
<b>Tiberius</b>	Integrates the data related to manufacturing, clinical trials, supply chain, allocation, state and territory planning, delivery and administration of both vaccine products and kits containing needles, syringes and other supplies needed to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.
<b>Treatment Station</b>	Vaccination stations are currently called treatment stations in VAMS and user manuals.

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Term	Definitions
<b>Uni-directional (interface between EHR and CT WiZ)</b>	Data exchanged in one direction from EHR to the IIS. Data exchanged refers

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	to Message submission (VXU) and Acknowledgement (ACK). For more information go to: <a href="#">Electronic Health Record Data Exchange with CT WiZ</a>
<b>UoU</b>	Unit of Use is the vaccine vial.
<b>UoS</b>	Unit of Sale is the packaging in which the vials are delivered. Example: One UoS could contain 10 UoU's.

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Term	Definitions
<b>VAAL</b>	Vaccine Appointment Assist Line – allows for scheduling of COVID-19 vaccinations via telephone
<b>Vaccination Clinic</b>	A clinic administering COVID-19 vaccination. Sometimes referred to as a “vaccine clinic” in VAMS and user manuals.
<b>Vaccination Station (Also called treatment stations)</b>	*See Treatment Station for definition
<b>Vaccine Finder</b>	An online service where users can search for locations that offer vaccinations.
<b>Vaccine Information Sheets (VISs)</b>	All vaccine providers, public or private, are required by the National Vaccine Childhood Injury Act to give the appropriate VIS to the patient (or parent or legal representative) prior to every dose of specific vaccines.
<b>VAERS</b>	Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System- National system that collects reports from healthcare professionals, vaccine manufacturers and the public of adverse events that happen after vaccination.
<b>VAMS</b>	CDC's Vaccine Administration Management System. For more information go to: <a href="#">VAMS   COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting   CDC</a>
<b>V-SAFE</b>	CDC vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.

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<b>VTrckS</b>	CDC's Vaccine Tracking System
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