

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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A

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

B

Term	Definitions
Bi-directional (interface between EHR and CT WiZ)	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
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Clinic (*Clinic Types)	Healthcare setting providing outpatient care with one permanent location for vaccination.
Clinic Portal	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.
Cold Chain	A temperature-controlled supply chain that includes all vaccine-related equipment and procedures.
Cold Chain Management	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.
CT COVID Vaccine Finder	Connecticut's vaccine finder webpage that allows users to search for vaccine locations by address, neighborhood, city, or zip code. https://covidvaccinefinder.ct.gov/
CoVP	COVID-19 Vaccination Program
.csv file	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: COVID-19 Vaccine Providers (ct.gov)
CT WiZ	Connecticut's statewide Immunization Information System (IIS). For more information go to: ALL ABOUT CT WiZ
CVP	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: <u>Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)</u>
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Term	Definitions
DPH	Connecticut Department of Public Health
DUA	Data Use Agreement (DUA) signed by each jurisdiction (CT DPH in Connecticut) to ensure security and confidentiality of the data.

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Term	Definitions
EUA	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.
EHR	Electronic Health Record. For more information on EHR exchange with CT WiZ go to: <u>Electronic Health Records (EHR)</u>
EPIC	Electronic Medical Record system used primarily by hospitals and health systems to access, organize, store, and share electronic medical records.
Expiration Dates (COVID-19 Vaccine)	Vaccine vials and cartons will not contain a printed expiration date.

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Term	Definitions
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency whose mission is

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	to help people before, during and after disasters.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center

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Term	Definitions

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Term	Definitions
Healthcare Personnel	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.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HL7	Health Level Seven International, Electronic Health Record Electronic Data Exchange with CT Wiz
Homebound Vaccine Recipients	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.

I

Term	Definitions
IAP	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: <u>Immunization Action Plan (IAP)</u>
IIS	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
Immunization Gateway (IZ Gateway)	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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Term	Definitions
Jurisdiction Portal	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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LHD	Local Health Department/District
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility

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Term	Definitions
Manufactured Date	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.
MCM	Medical Countermeasures
Member	An individual uploaded in VAMS to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
Mobile Clinic	A clinic that moves to multiple locations for vaccination (e.g., a mobile clinic bus or van).
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MU	Meaningful Use. For more information on Meaningful Use go to: Meaningful Use
Multi-clinic User	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.
Multi-Portal user	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).

N	
Term	Definitions
National Drug Code (NDC)	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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Term	Definitions
Organization	Any institution, association, company, or other group that will add their essential workers to VAMS.
Organization/Employer Portal	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
Pharmacy (*Clinic Types)	Clinic with one permanent location for vaccination.
POC	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.
Pop-Up Clinic	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).
Prevaccination Questionnaire	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
QR Code	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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Term	Definitions
Recipient	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.
Recipient Portal	VAMS portal used by vaccine recipients.

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Term	Definitions
2d Barcode	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
2d Barcode Scanning	Allows clinic users to use a 2d barcode scanner to scan COVID-19 vaccine information into the VAMS system.
Temperature Monitoring Device (TMD)	Devices used to measure and monitor the temperature where vaccines are stored.
Third Party Clinic	Clinics responsible for both adding and managing recipient records as well as administering and tracking recipients in VAMS.
Tiberius	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.
Treatment Station	Vaccination stations are currently called treatment stations in VAMS and user manuals.

U	
Term	Definitions
Uni-directional (interface between EHR and CT WiZ)	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: Electronic Health Record Data Exchange with CT Wiz
UoU	Unit of Use is the vaccine vial.
UoS	Unit of Sale is the packaging in which the vials are delivered. Example: One UoS could contain 10 UoU's.

V	
Term	Definitions
VAAL	Vaccine Appointment Assist Line – allows for scheduling of COVID-19 vaccinations via telephone
Vaccination Clinic	A clinic administering COVID-19 vaccination. Sometimes referred to as a “vaccine clinic” in VAMS and user manuals.
Vaccination Station (Also called treatment stations)	*See Treatment Station for definition
Vaccine Finder	An online service where users can search for locations that offer vaccinations.
Vaccine Information Sheets (VISs)	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.
VAERS	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.
VAMS	CDC's Vaccine Administration Management System. For more information go to: VAMS COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting CDC
V-SAFE	CDC vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.

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VTrckS	CDC's Vaccine Tracking System
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