



# COVID-19 Provider Update

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

# Population Coverage: As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>

			At least one dose		Fully vaccinated		Additional doses		
Age Range	% of Population	CT Population	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Total Doses Administered
All ages	100.0%	3,565,287	2,891,904	81.1%	2,544,637	71.4%	1,065,634	29.9%	5,987,631
5+	95.0%	3,383,577	2,891,688	85.5%	2,544,520	75.2%	1,065,630	31.5%	5,987,310
12+	87.0%	3,105,947	2,789,630	89.8%	2,475,326	79.7%	1,065,540	34.3%	5,856,244
16+	82.0%	2,929,347	2,656,536	90.7%	2,355,742	80.4%	1,062,816	36.3%	5,610,613
18+	80.0%	2,837,847	2,580,364	90.9%	2,286,423	80.6%	1,048,951	37.0%	5,466,799
35+	57.0%	2,047,745	1,936,874	94.6%	1,739,375	84.9%	906,372	44.3%	4,276,689
45+	45.0%	1,620,604	1,552,053	95.8%	1,400,802	86.4%	785,652	48.5%	3,511,858
55+	32.0%	1,143,699	1,131,436	98.9%	1,020,033	89.2%	620,759	54.3%	2,633,572
65+	18.0%	630,244	634,907	100.7%	567,759	90.1%	377,378	59.9%	1,538,058
75+	8.0%	277,425	270,562	97.5%	241,153	86.9%	157,711	56.8%	659,387

Data as reported to CT DPH Immunization Information System (IIS) CT WiZ.

All ages estimate includes 216 people with unknown age

Additional dose includes individuals who have had at least one dose after completion of the a primary COVID-19 vaccine series

# Age coverage: Specific age groups

*Doses Reported by 1/3/2022*

			At least one dose		Fully vaccinated		Additional doses	
Age Range	% of Population	CT Population	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<5	5.0%	181,710	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5-11	8.0%	277,630	102,058	36.8%	69,194	24.9%	90	0.0%
12-15	5.0%	176,600	133,094	75.4%	119,584	67.7%	2,724	1.5%
16-17	3.0%	91,500	76,172	83.2%	69,319	75.8%	13,865	15.2%
18-24	10.0%	342,073	267,584	78.2%	223,972	65.5%	52,868	15.5%
25-34	13.0%	448,029	375,906	83.9%	323,076	72.1%	89,711	20.0%
35-44	12.0%	427,141	384,821	90.1%	338,573	79.3%	120,720	28.3%
45-54	13.0%	476,905	420,617	88.2%	380,769	79.8%	164,893	34.6%
55-64	14.0%	513,455	496,529	96.7%	452,274	88.1%	243,381	47.4%
65-74	10.0%	352,819	364,345	100.0%	326,606	92.6%	219,667	62.3%
75-84	5.0%	186,095	191,103	100.0%	170,551	91.6%	116,179	62.4%
85+	3.0%	91,330	79,459	87.0%	70,602	77.3%	41,532	45.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,565,287</b>	<b>2,891,688</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>2,544,520</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>1,065,630</b>	<b>29.9%</b>

\*At least one dose includes individuals who have received one dose of Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J

\*\*Fully vaccinated includes individuals who received one dose of J&J, two doses of Moderna, or two doses of Pfizer.

\*\*\*Additional dose includes individuals who have had at least one dose after completion of the a primary COVID-19 vaccine series

\*\*\*\*216 people with age missing are exclude from this table

# Booster Updates

Age	mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series	J&J COVID-19 vaccine primary series
12+ years	<b><u>Should</u> receive booster</b>	

	mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series	J&J COVID-19 vaccine primary series
Booster Interval	<b>5 Months</b>	<b>2 Months</b>

This is an expansion in the age indication for a booster dose, as well as a strengthening of the existing recommendation for 16-17-year-olds.

## Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?

Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
<b>You can get a booster if:</b>	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 2 months since completing primary vaccination AND you are:
	Age 12+	Age 18+	Age 18+
<b>If eligible, you can get a booster of:</b>	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J) <small>*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those age 12-17.</small>	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

For more information, visit [www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines](https://www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines).

# Staying Up to Date

- CDC recommends [Staying Up to Date](#) with vaccines by getting additional doses of vaccine when eligible for optimal protection against COVID-19.
- Staying up-to-date means that people should receive all COVID-19 vaccine doses they are eligible for at the appropriate intervals, which includes additional doses for individuals who are immunocompromised and booster doses. This ensures that an individual has the highest level of protection against the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

**At this time, the technical definition of “fully vaccinated” has not changed. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received their primary series.**

# Additional Updates

## mRNA Preferred

The ACIP recommended that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are preferred over the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 for persons  $\geq 18$  years of age. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [endorsed](#) the ACIP's updated COVID-19 vaccine recommendations. Given the current state of the pandemic both here and around the world, the ACIP reaffirmed that receiving any vaccine is better than being unvaccinated. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine will continue to have access to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine.

## Additional Dose for Immune Compromised 5-11s

[CDC is recommending](#) that moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11-year-olds receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for children aged 5-11.

## Pfizer for under 5s

[Pfizer announced on Friday 12/17](#) that trials of their COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 2 to 5 did not provide the expected immunity in kids this age. Pfizer will now evaluate a third dose for children 6 months to under 5 years as part of the primary series. This will push launch to April or later.

## Pfizer Expiration Glitch

There was a glitch within Pfizer's order management system that affected expiration dates on delivery invoices. This glitch will be fixed by Friday. Until then the shelf-life is 9 months from the date of manufacture when stored in an ULT Freezer and 10 weeks in the refrigerator.

# CDC Holiday Shipping

**Both McKesson and Pfizer will be delivering vaccine on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Offices that will be closed on Monday and do not have staff available to receive a shipment, please contact [Patricia.Firmender@ct.gov](mailto:Patricia.Firmender@ct.gov). In order to prevent delivery on Monday, your order will need to be held and placed after the holiday.

This only applies to direct ship orders and does not apply to orders that are less than a full tray size and thus eligible to be filled by redistribution.

# CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

**Stay informed  
about COVID-19**

Read the latest  
reports from  
**MMWR**



[bit.ly/MMWR\\_COVID19](https://bit.ly/MMWR_COVID19)

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[Effectiveness of BNT162b2 \(Pfizer-BioNTech\) mRNA Vaccination Against Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children Among Persons Aged 12-18 Years — United States, July-December 2021.](#)

[Risk for Newly Diagnosed Diabetes >30 Days After SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Persons Aged <18 years — United States, March 1, 2020-June 28, 2021.](#)

[Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Outcomes Among Persons Aged ≥18 Years Who Completed a Primary COVID-19 Vaccination Series — 465 Health Care Facilities, United States, December 2020-October 2021.](#)

[Receipt of COVID-19 Vaccine During Pregnancy and Preterm or Small-for-Gestational Age at Birth — Eight Integrated Health Care Organizations, United States, December 15, 2020-July 22, 2021.](#)

[Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of Children and Adolescents Aged <18 Years Hospitalized with COVID-19 — Six Hospitals, United States, July-August 2021.](#)

[Interim Estimate of Vaccine Effectiveness of BNT162b2 \(Pfizer-BioNTech\) Vaccine in Preventing SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Adolescents Aged 12-17 Years — Arizona, July-December 2021.](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Children Aged 5-11 Years — United States, November 3-December 19, 2021.](#)



## CT WiZ/VAMS Update

# **Vaccines.gov**

## **CT WiZ Public Portal**

### **VAMS**

# Vaccines.gov - Registration

- All providers are **required to register** with Vaccines.gov per the CDC COVID-19 Provider Agreement
- Review [Step 4](#) in the Process of Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider on the DPH Website
- The primary coordinator listed in your enrollment will receive an invitation email to complete the registration. If they did not receive it, email [CARS\\_HelpDesk@cdc.gov](mailto:CARS_HelpDesk@cdc.gov) to request the registration link be resent.



# Vaccines.gov - Updates to Point of Contact

- **After registering, if you need to update your Point of Contact:**
  - [Login](#) with your CT WiZ username and password. [Click here](#) for the CT WiZ training to make the clinic changes under: Clinic Tools – Clinic Information – Staff. Include a note in the ‘comments field’ that this is for a new point of contact for VaccineFinder.
  - After DPH approves it, it is sent over to CDC twice weekly.
  - CDC will email your new primary contact a registration link. If you do not receive this link, please email [CARS\\_HelpDesk@cdc.gov](mailto:CARS_HelpDesk@cdc.gov) to request they resend the registration email.



# Vaccines.gov - Daily Inventory Reporting

- COVID-19 vaccine inventory counts must be reported to VaccineFinder **daily**, *regardless of whether your clinic is publicly displaying, and even if you are reporting inventory to CT WiZ.*
- When your primary coordinator creates your initial account in VaccineFinder, you will be asked how you wish to report inventory counts:
  - If you select the option to report for ‘**all clinics**’ under your organization, only your primary vaccine coordinator will receive a registration link.
  - If you select the option to report ‘**individually**’, your back-up vaccine coordinator will also receive a registration link.



# Vaccines.gov – Public Display

- All sites default to ‘**not display**’ to the public.
- Do not activate locations that are not open to the public.
- **Note:** The shipping address listed in CT WiZ will be displayed on Vaccines.gov as your clinic location.
- **Review** [Steps to Display Clinics on Vaccines.gov](#)

## Provider Quick Tips for Public Display

Each location that is set to ‘display’ on <https://www.vaccines.gov/> will show the information entered by the provider: which vaccines are available at the site, general website, phone number, hours, and a link to an appointment scheduling system or screener.

Changes made to provider details in the COVID-19 Locating Health Portal are updated every 4-5 hours (6 times a day) on Vaccines.gov.

### ☐ Determine which site(s) to activate to display to the public on Vaccines.gov

- ✓ Only display locations that will receive vaccine deliveries and are administering vaccines to the public.
- ✓ All sites default to ‘not display’ to the public. Do not activate locations that are not open to the public.

### ☐ Use the ‘In Stock’ field to update your site’s availability of COVID-19 vaccines

### ☐ Include a Link for Action for your site(s) (Screener/Scheduler field)

- ✓ Add a valid URL that points consumers to confirm eligibility to get a vaccine or make an appointment.
- ✓ Some states and jurisdictions use a centralized screener and/or scheduler tool for all their providers and others rely on provider-specific tools. Include the appropriate link for each location.
- ✓ If this field is left blank (NOT populated), Vaccines.gov will direct consumers to call the site for details about scheduling an appointment.

### ☐ Ensure your site(s)’ phone number(s) are listed correctly

### ☐ Include site hours of operation

### ☐ Use the ‘Provider Notes’ field to share important details about your site(s)

- ✓ E.g., appointments are required, no walk-ins, access from Courtland St., etc.
- ✓ For mass vaccination clinics, including CVCs, include dates of the clinic and any specific instructions on access to the center.

# Vaccines.gov Resources Available

- [CT DPH Vaccine Finder Registration Webpage](#)
- [Trainings from VaccineFinder/Vaccines.gov](#)
- [Quick Start Guide for Public Display](#)
- For support, email [CARS\\_HelpDesk@cdc.gov](mailto:CARS_HelpDesk@cdc.gov)



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# CT WiZ Public Portal

- [ct.gov/getmyvaccinerecord](https://ct.gov/getmyvaccinerecord)
  - Instructions/FAQs
  - YouTube videos for Recipients
  - YouTube videos for Businesses on scanning and verifying SMART Health Cards
- [Support link](#) – if you cannot access your record or if updates are needed

## CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Record



Get your immunization record through the secure CT WiZ Public Portal, a free service provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health Immunization Program.

Patients and legal guardians can access official immunization records for themselves and their children using the CT WiZ Public Portal.

[GO TO CT WiZ PUBLIC PORTAL](#)

The CT WiZ Public Portal allows individuals to access their own immunization records, while parents and guardians can also access their child's records. You have the option of getting a PDF copy of your full immunization record, just your COVID-19 vaccine record, or your SMART Health card, which is a digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccine record that can be stored on your phone as a QR code.

**Support:** [Complete this online form](#) if your (or your minor child's) immunization record is missing immunizations or was not found in the CT WiZ Public Portal.

If you need your assistance by phone, you may call our main line at (860) 509-7929 Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm during business hours.

**Tip for Clinics:** Please confirm recipient's contact info (including **email and cell phone**) in CT WiZ or your EHR at each visit (so recipients can access their own/minor child's record in the CT WiZ Public Portal).

# VAMS – Nationwide Clinic Workgroup

- VAMS Nationwide Clinic Workgroup:
  - Tues Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30p-3:30p
    - To join the webinar from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device, click the link below:
    - **Access Link:** <https://deloitte.zoom.us/j/93374928640?pwd=LzNVY2FqNmww3SFNsZHRxcjAwdnhqUT09>
    - **Passcode:** 081721
    - To join the meeting by phone: +13126266799,93374928640#,\*081721#
    - To join by iPhone one-tap: +16465189805,93374928640#,\*081721#

# CT WiZ/VAMS Office Hours

## [CT WiZ/VAMS Live Helpdesk Office Hours](#)

Join Via Microsoft Teams

Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:00

Join us anytime during office hours to ask a question!



# 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](mailto:DPH.Immunizations@ct.gov)

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