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*This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our [web site](#).*

Dear Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

Today the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [endorsed](#) the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine be used as an option for children ages 6 through 17 years, in addition to its already recommended use in children 6 months through 5 years and adults 18 years and older. The ACIP recommendation was issued on Thursday, June 23, and comes after a thorough review of the scientific evidence demonstrating safety and efficacy and supports the use of the vaccine among those 6 through 17 years of age.

**CDC recommends that Moderna COVID-19 vaccine be used for individuals 6 through 17 years of age to better protect them from COVID-19. This recommendation reinforces the use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine as an important tool in the pandemic and [provides another vaccine option](#) for children and adolescents. All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.**

There will be two products available for children in this age range.

- Children who are 12 through 17 years of age: two dose primary series of the existing Moderna red cap (0.5 mL, 100 mcg) product that is already in use for adults 18 and older.
- Children 6 through 11 years of age: two dose primary series of the newly approved 0.5mL, 50mcg formula.
  - This formulation will eventually have a dark blue cap with a teal label. Production of this age labeled product is ongoing. Until the teal label product is available, providers will receive the dark blue cap with a purple label. This product does state 'Adult/Booster Only,' however it is the same formula and has been approved and released by CDC for use in the 6 through 11-year-olds until the teal label product becomes available.

- Moderna has issue a '[Dear HCP letter](#)' and an [infographic](#) that can be printed and posted at your clinics to address confusion relating to the product labeling.

A one-page summary of available COVID-19 vaccine products and their age indications can be found below.

- Moderna Products: <https://www.fda.gov/media/159306/download>
- Pfizer Products: <https://www.fda.gov/media/159304/download>

Ordering is now open for the new Moderna 6 through 11-year product and shipping is expected to begin as soon as Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The product is a 5-dose multi-dose vial and has a minimum tray size of 100 doses. CDC will ship corresponding pediatric ancillary supplies to accommodate administration of 100 doses of vaccine.

### **Additional Updates**

[Interim clinical considerations](#) and standing orders have been updated to reflect the recommendations for young pediatric patients. Moderna standing orders have not yet been updated to reflect the expanded recommendation for children ages 6 through 17.

- Pfizer Standing Orders: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/administration.html>
- Moderna Standing Orders: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/administration.html>

Both Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to CoVP providers and administration has begun. Please make sure if you are providing vaccination to the public that you update your inventory on [Vaccines.gov](#) and that your clinic is visible to the public.

If you are interested in ordering young pediatric vaccine, please submit your request via the online [submissions](#) portal by 12 pm on Tuesday for delivery the following Monday. No additional orders should be placed through the pre-order form that was distributed. Orders that do not meet the minimum product will be filled by redistribution. The portal has been updated and providers may now request the following products:

- Pfizer <5 years: 10 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment, diluent required
- Pfizer 5-11 years: 10 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment, diluent required
- Pfizer 12+ years: 6 dose vial, 300 dose minimum order for direct shipment
- Moderna <6 years: 10 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment
- Moderna 6-11 years: 5 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment
- Moderna 12+ years: 10 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment
- Janssen (JnJ): 5 dose vial, 100 dose minimum order for direct shipment
- Comirnaty (branded Pfizer 16+): 6 dose vial, 300 dose minimum order for direct shipment

Additionally, providers may opt out of ancillary supplies for all products that do not require a diluent. If your order indicates you do not need ancillary supplies, you will not receive a shipment.

## CT WiZ

CT WiZ was updated with the new pediatric COVID-19 vaccine codes. Visit [Vaccines Supplied By CT CVP 6 21 22.pdf](#) to ensure you select the correct COVID-19 vaccines to populate your inventory.

## **Lot Expiration Date Extensions**

Moderna extended the expiration dates for six lot numbers. The new expiration dates have been published in the CDC Lot and Expiration Date files and are available to registered users. Visit CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Dates website](#) to login or to register for access to these files.

## Resources:

- Moderna/Spikevax EUA Fact Sheets: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/spikevax-and-moderna-covid-19-vaccine>
- Pfizer/Comirnaty EUA Fact Sheets: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/comirnaty-and-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine>
- At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-vacc-schedule-at-a-glance-508.pdf>
- CDC Interim Clinical Considerations Update: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Ages 6–17 PowerPoint: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2022-06-22-23/07-COVID-Hall-508.pdf>