



COVID-19 Provider Update

Every other Wednesday @ 9am



Key figures - as of September 20th

Age range	% of Population	CT Population	Data as reported to CT DPH CT WiZ Immunization Information System*					Data as reported to CDC**	
			At least one dose*	% Coverage with at Least One Dose*	Fully vaccinated**	% Fully Vaccinated	Total Doses Administered	% Coverage with a Least One Dose	% Fully Vaccinated
All ages	100%	3,565,287	2,516,450	70.6%	2,325,310	65.2%	4,554,451	75.4%	67.9%
12+	87%	3,105,947	2,516,286	81.0%	2,325,310	74.9%	4,669,052	86.5%	78.0%
16+	82%	2,929,347	2,397,194	81.8%	2,223,406	75.9%	4,448,066		
18+	80%	2,837,847	2,326,203	82.0%	2,159,382	76.1%	4,313,099	87.6%	79.4%
35+	57%	2,047,745	1,769,650	86.4%	1,666,422	81.4%	3,315,194		
45+	45%	1,620,604	1,427,655	88.1%	1,354,655	83.6%	2,695,450		
55+	32%	1,143,699	1,042,479	91.1%	994,408	86.9%	1,979,289		
65+	18%	630,244	583,477	92.6%	557,865	88.5%	1,123,728	98.7%	91.9%
75+	8%	277,425	249,556	90.0%	238,141	85.8%	481,688		

*CT Wiz receives reports of doses administered by CT vaccine providers including those to out-of-state residents. Doses administered by Federal agencies and those administered to CT residents by out-of-state providers are not included

** CDC estimates: include people vaccinated by Federal government agencies and CT residents vaccinated outside of CT, excludes out-of-states residents vaccinated in CT

All ages estimate includes 164 people with unknown age



Key figures – as of September 20th

Age Range	% of Population	CT Population	At least one dose*	% Coverage with at Least One Dose*	Fully vaccinated**	% Fully Vaccinated
<12	13%	459,340	0	0%	0	0%
12-15	5%	176,600	119,092	67.4%	101,904	57.7%
16-17	3%	91,500	70,991	77.6%	64,024	70.0%
18-24	10%	342,073	232,445	68.0%	204,144	59.7%
25-34	13%	448,029	324,108	72.3%	288,816	64.5%
35-44	12%	427,141	341,995	80.1%	311,767	73.0%
45-54	13%	476,905	385,176	80.8%	360,247	75.5%
55-64	14%	513,455	459,002	89.4%	436,543	85.0%
65-74	10%	352,819	333,921	94.6%	319,724	90.6%
75-84	5%	186,095	175,888	94.5%	168,146	90.4%
85+	3%	91,330	73,668	80.7%	69,995	76.6%
Grand Total		3,565,287	2,516,286	70.6%	2,325,310	65.2%

*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.

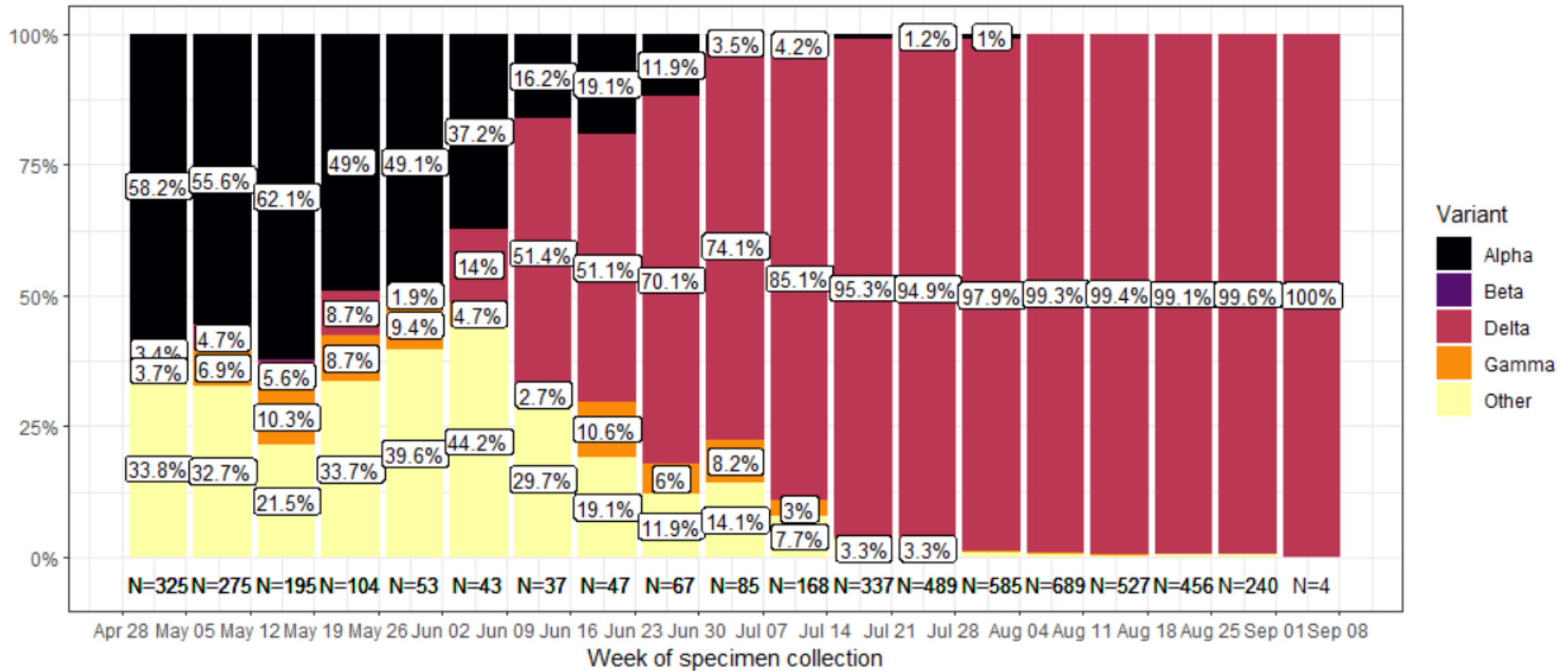
Total excludes 164 people with unknown age

SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance

Data extracted from GISAID on 9/16/2021

Proportion of Circulating Variants of Concern, CT

Retrieved from GISAID data September 16, 2021



N = total number of viruses sequenced



Bulletin Updates

Vaccine Expiration

Some CoVP providers have J&J doses that have recently or are soon to expire. CDC has indicated that the expiration for these doses will not be extended again. Providers should dispose of expired vaccine appropriately and report the wastage in the DPH ticketing system. When reporting wasted doses to the Helpdesk, please select the “Report Vaccine Wastage” ticket option, then select “Other” as the wastage reason and type “Expiration” in the text box when prompted. Please make sure that inventory is updated in Vaccine Finder, VAMS, or CT WiZ as appropriate.

This is a good time for providers to follow the best practices of regularly checking inventory for expired vaccine and removing expired inventory to prevent it from being administered. If you have not yet registered for the report, visit [CDC's Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date webpage](#) and complete the registration form to request access. [Moderna](#) and [J&J](#) also have expiration date look up websites.

Coadministration of COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccines

You may administer COVID-19 and influenza vaccines without regard to timing (both live, attenuated and non-live influenza vaccines). This includes administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration at any time interval. ([CDC | Interim Clinical Considerations: Coadministration of COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines](#))

Giving all vaccines a person is eligible for at the same visit is considered a [best practice](#) as it increases the probability people will be up to date on recommended vaccines. It also is an important part of immunization practice, especially if a health care provider is uncertain that a patient will return for additional doses of vaccine.

Booster Update

On September 17, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration VRBPAC voted unanimously for authorization of a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 65 years of age and older and 16 years of age and older at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19 or being exposed to the virus.

- The FDA must either accept or modify the VRBPAC recommendations and adjust the existing Pfizer emergency use authorization accordingly.
- The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets Wednesday and Thursday to outline the parameters for the booster's administration and define who qualifies as "high risk." That could include individuals with underlying health conditions, such as obesity, and groups such as healthcare workers exposed to Covid-19 during the course of their jobs.



You can watch the ACIP meetings live at this [link](#) on Sept. 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern and Sept. 23, 2021, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST.

DPH advises that any implementation of booster programs should begin only after FDA takes a regulatory action and ACIP and CDC make clinical recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine use. Administration of third doses of mRNA vaccines for the immune compromised should continue as planned; booster dose administration should wait until after ACIP meets.

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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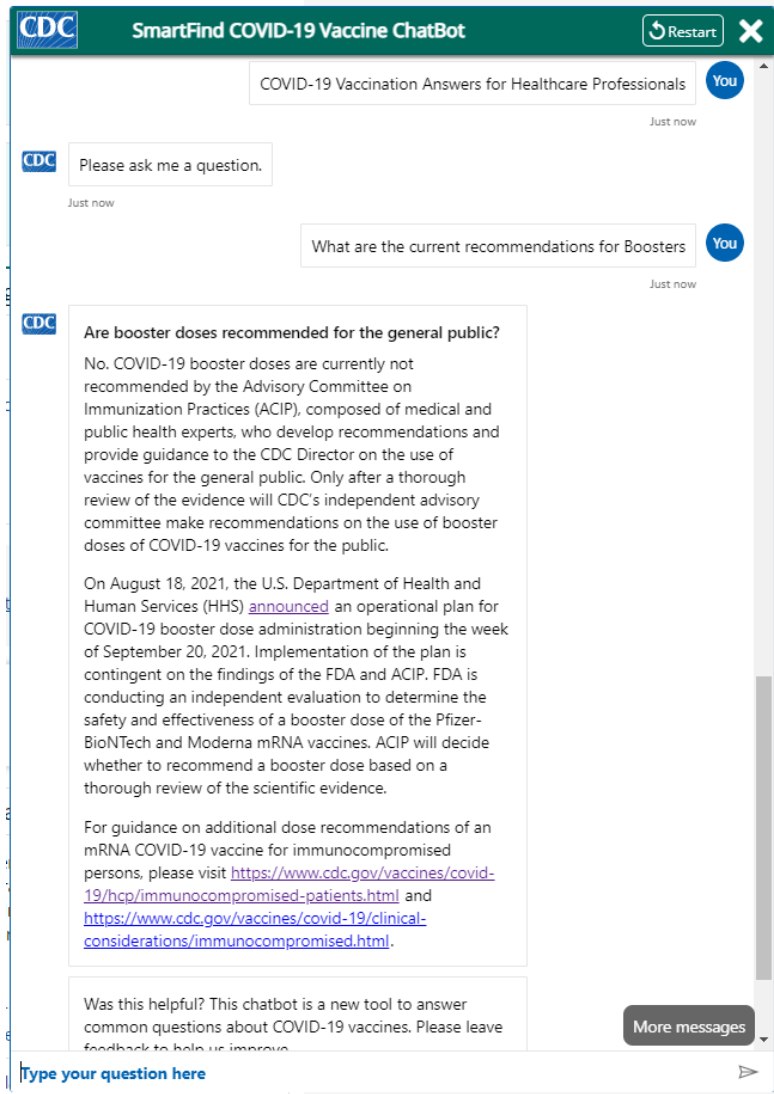
 

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[Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in Persons Aged \$\geq 16\$ Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices – United States, September 2021](#)

[Comparative Effectiveness of Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) Vaccines in Preventing COVID-19 Hospitalizations Among Adults Without Immunocompromising Conditions – United States, March-August 2021](#)

SmartFind COVID-19 Vaccine ChatBot Now Available



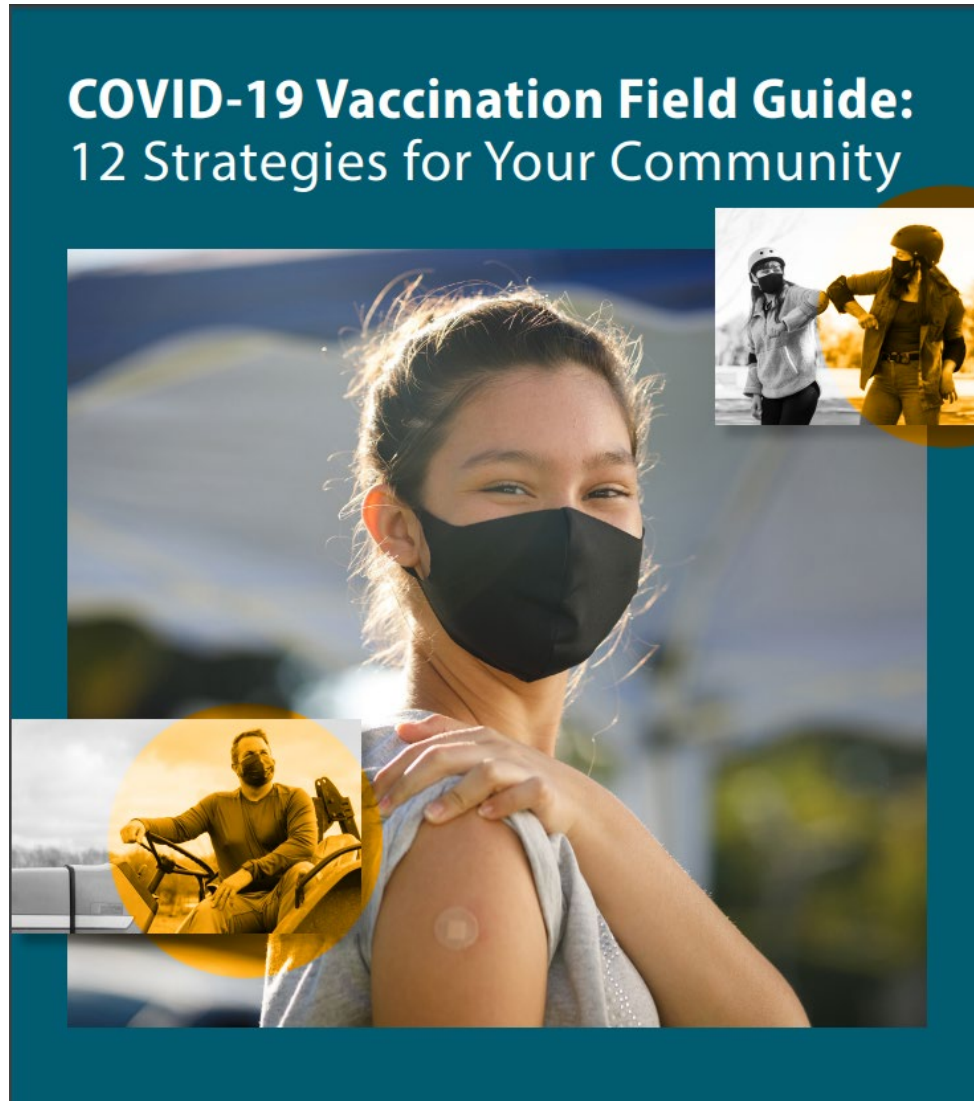
SmartFind COVID-19 Vaccine ChatBot

CDC has launched this new resource to help quickly connect people, including healthcare providers, to clear, consistent, and credible information about COVID-19 vaccines.

The automated ChatBot features include:

- Answers to common questions and answers about COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized and recommended, or undergoing large-scale (Phase 3) clinical trials in the United States
- 24-7 access to COVID-19 vaccine information on web-based devices, including mobile phones and tablets
- Links to additional resources, such as where to find a COVID-19 vaccination location

New Resource: COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide: 12 Strategies for Your Community



CDC published a new tool to support public health and community organizations, the COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide: 12 Strategies for Your Community. It is posted on [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

The Field Guide offers evidence-based intervention strategies and real-world examples to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake.

We hope this new tool helps support your ongoing COVID-19 vaccine uptake efforts.



CT Wiz/VAMS Update

Prevaccination Screening Form, School Nurses Training Materials and Public Portal

Version 0.1
9/21/2021

Prevaccination Screening Form

- CDC COVID-19 Product Information Page

- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html>



Prevaccination Screening Form

Download a prevaccination checklist in multiple languages.

[Arabic](#)  | [Dari](#)  | [English](#)  | [French](#)  | [Haitian Creole](#)  | [Korean](#)  |
[Pashto](#)  | [Portuguese](#)  | [Simplified Chinese](#)  | [Spanish](#)  | [Vietnamese](#) 

- COVID-19 Prepare to Administer the Vaccine Page

- <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/COVID-19-Prepare-to-administer-the-vaccine>



School Nurses CT WiZ Training Materials

- CT WiZ School Nurses Webpage
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/CT-WiZ-School-Nurses>
 - CT WiZ User Account Information
 - CT WiZ School Nurses Desk Guide
 - Student Roster Upload Template
 - Training Videos

CT WiZ/VAMS Office Hours

- [CT WiZ/VAMS Live Helpdesk Office Hours](#)
 - Join Via Microsoft Teams
 - Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:00
 - Join anytime during office hours to ask a question



- CT WiZ Public Portal
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/CT-WiZ-Access-My-Immunization-Record>



The screenshot shows the header of the CT WiZ Public Portal. On the left is the logo with the text "It's Your Best Shot! CT WiZ Connecticut Immunization Information System". On the right is the title "CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records". Below the title is a navigation bar with links: "HOME | HELP | DOWNLOAD FULL RECORD | DOWNLOAD COVID-19 RECORD". The "DOWNLOAD FULL RECORD" and "DOWNLOAD COVID-19 RECORD" links are highlighted with a red border.



VAMS Release 5.4

- Scheduled for 9/29/2021

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

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