

## **COVID-19 Provider Update**

Every other Wednesday @ 9am

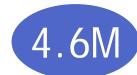


### **Key figures – as of September 7th**









### **Total doses administered**

~2.5M first doses & ~2.1M second doses ~15k third doses





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Age Range	% of Population	CT Population	At least one dose*	% Coverage with at Least One Dose*	Fully vaccinated**	% Fully Vaccinated	Total Doses Administered
12-15	5%	176,600	115,697	65.5%	95,634	54.2%	211,321
16-17	3%	91,500	69,721	76.2%	61,943	67.7%	131,618
18-24	10%	342,073	228,186	66.7%	198,913	58.1%	406,765
25-34	13%	448,029	316,275	70.6%	279,731	62.4%	565,629
35-44	12%	427,141	335,491	78.5%	304,020	71.2%	606,121
45-54	13%	476,905	379,958	79.7%	354,063	74.2%	705,266
55-64	14%	513,455	455,103	88.6%	431,938	84.1%	847,472
65-74	10%	352,819	332,080	94.1%	318,233	90.2%	638,870
75-84	5%	186,095	174,963	94.0%	167,610	90.1%	338,785
85+	3%	91,330	73,400	80.4%	69,773	76.4%	141,058
<b>Grand Total</b>		3,565,287	2,481,023	69.6%	2,281,937	64.0%	4,593,123

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fully vaccinated includes individuals who received one dose of J&J, two doses of Moderna, or two doses of Pfizer. Total includes people with unknown age



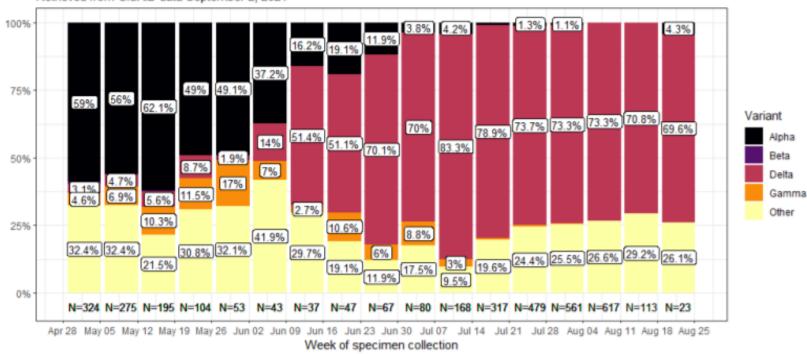


### SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance

Data extracted from GISAID on 9/2/2021

#### Proportion of Circulating Variants of Concern, CT





N = total number of viruses sequenced

Click <u>here</u> for an archive of PDF reports on COVID-19 from the CT Department of Public Health, including detailed reports released every Thursday.



#### Janssen (JnJ) Ordering

The J&J vaccine has not been available for ordering from the federal government through McKesson for several months. All orders for J&J vaccine since that time have been fulfilled through transfers between CoVP providers within Connecticut. We have now exhausted nearly all supply of J&J vaccine within the state.

The CDC has indicated that J&J will be available for ordering from McKesson in limited quantities beginning this week. We will share more information when we have it, but at this time we anticipate that order sizes will not be able to exceed 200 doses per PIN.

Additionally, all providers should update their inventory on vaccines.gov. CDC has expressed that requests for J&J order fulfillment may be impacted at the federal level by the reported inventory.

#### Pfizer ordering cadence update

The Pfizer ordering cadence is changing from a 1-day to a 3-day window, as indicated in the table below.

Order Placed by DPH to CDC by 9 AM ET Cutoff	Site Receives Ancillary Kit	Site Vaccine Delivery Window
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday-Friday
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday-Monday
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday-Tuesday
Thursday	Friday	Monday-Wednesday
Friday	Monday	Tuesday-Thursday



We know that CoVP providers are actively planning for booster dose administration once recommended. We still do not know exactly what the booster dose recommendation will be but will continue to provide updates as we learn more.

- The FDA VRBPAC will be meeting on September 17th to discuss the manufacturer's data regarding booster dose administration. Information about the meeting is posted <a href="here">here</a>.
- Shortly following the VRBPAC meeting, the ACIP will meet to review the latest data and then make recommendations on the use of a booster dose based on these reviews.
- Health and Human Services (HHS) continues to reference its plan for boosters at an 8-month interval, but ACIP and FDA have indicated they are considering different potential intervals and potential focus on certain sub-populations based on the review of data (e.g., long-term care facility residents, people aged 75 years and older, people aged 65 years and older, and healthcare personnel). ACIP has emphasized they will continue to follow the science, and evidence will inform decision-making.



Some CoVP providers are asking if they should start to order based on the future need for booster doses.

**DPH advises that you should continue to order for what you need in the immediate future** – we do not anticipate supply to be scarce, and provider orders for Moderna and Pfizer vaccine during a booster campaign should be readily available.

We do not recommend stockpiling vaccine as this will lead to unnecessary wastage and spoilage.

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## CT WiZ/VAMS Update



# VAMS – Additional Dose Appointments, Vaccination Record Cards and **QR Codes**

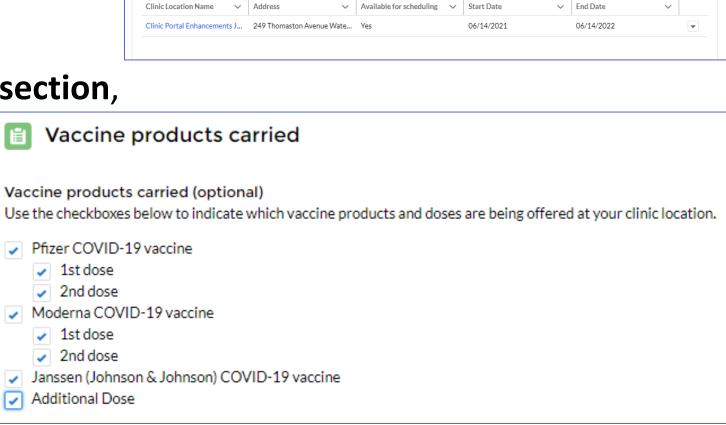
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### PPH) How to Turn on Additional Dose Appointments in VAMS

Clinic location(s)

- •Navigate to the Clinic Location(s) window in the Clinic Setup Tab and click on the clinic hyperlink
- Click the Edit button
- In the Vaccine products carried section, check the Additional Dose box vaccine
- •Click Save



Your clinic's primary locations is the same one your provided at registration. Only mobile clinics can add

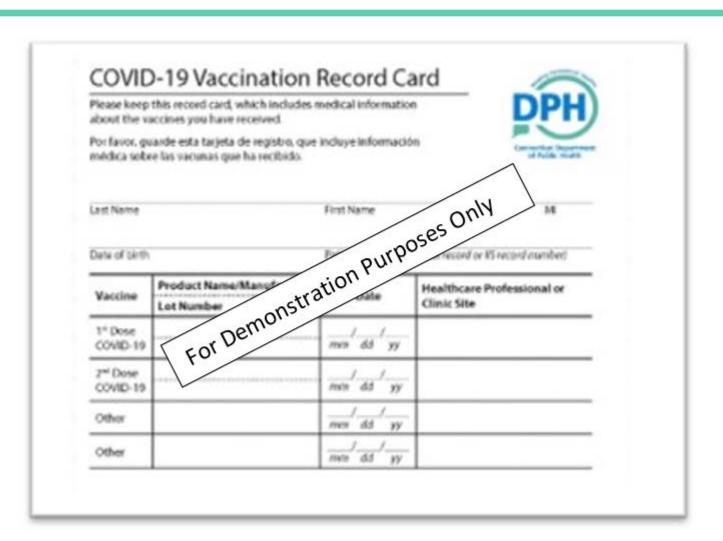
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## **Vaccination Record Cards in CT WiZ**

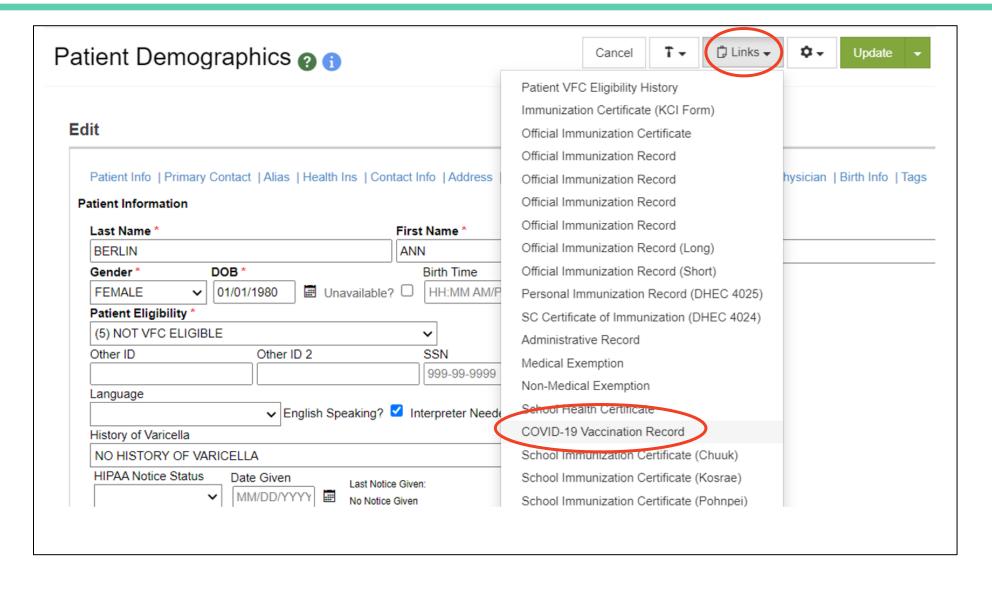
- COVID-19 only Vaccination Record
   Card available in CT WiZ and in
   the Public Portal on 9/7
- CT WiZ is developing a QR code to add to this card – planned for December





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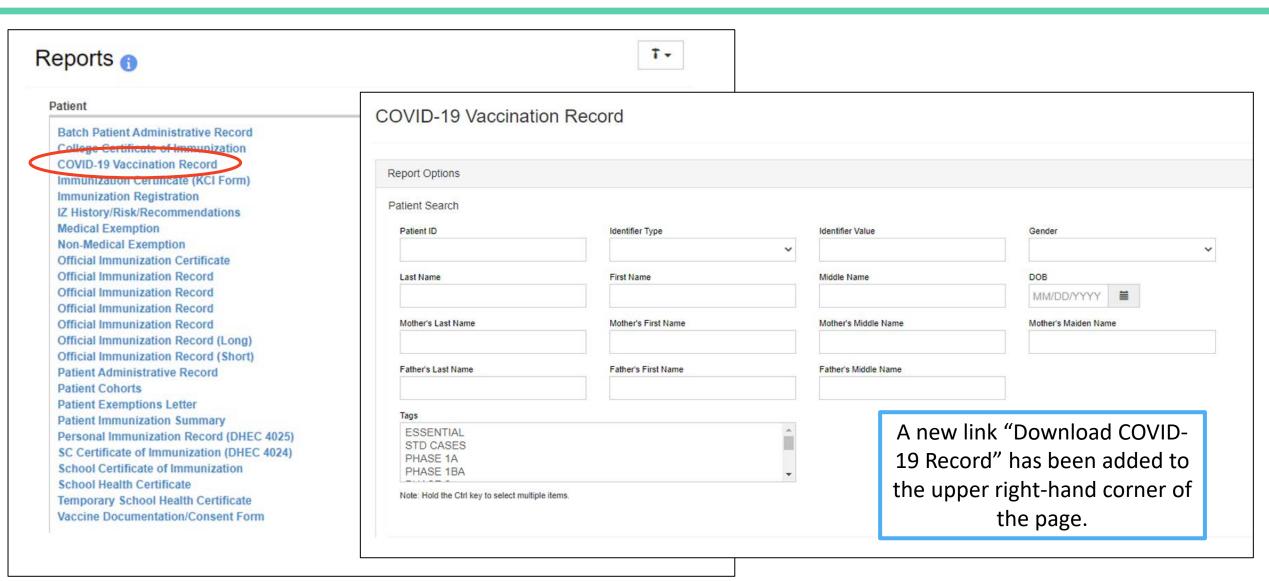
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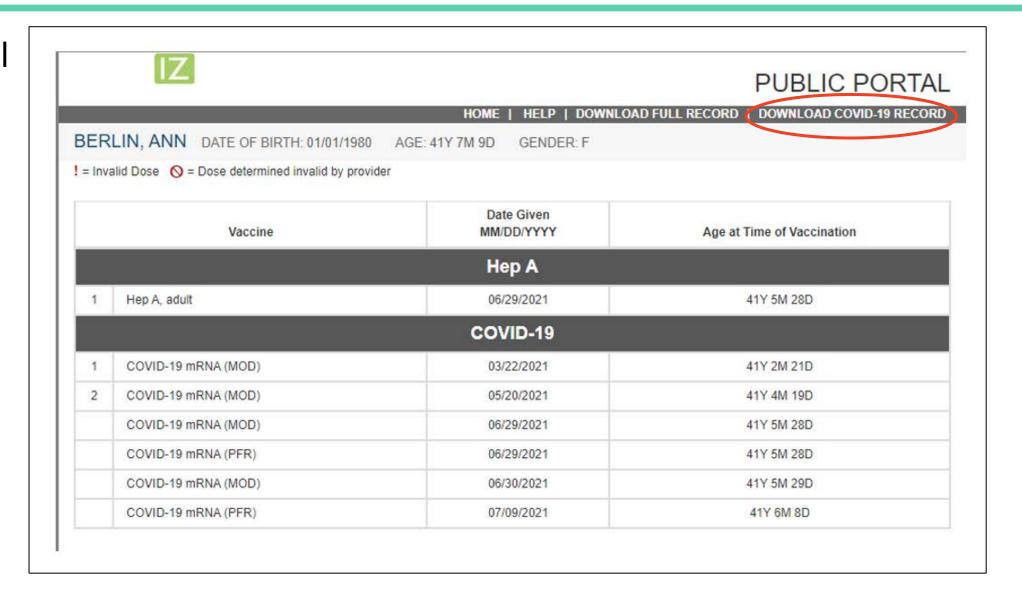






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Public Portal





### VAMS Release 5.3

- QR Codes are available to display on vaccination certificates
- When scanned, the QR code will generate a link to an external VAMS site that will display the recipient's vaccination details
- This QR code and associated vaccination certificate can be viewed, downloaded or printed at any time
- Access Vaccination Certificates in VAMS | CDC





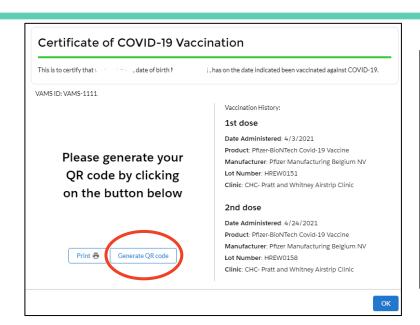


## How to Generate QR Codes in VAMS

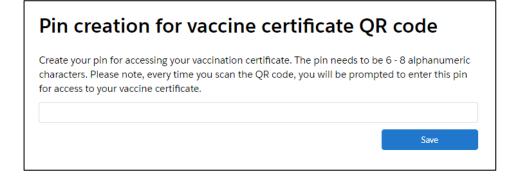
- Navigate to the Recipient Portal
- Click the View your vaccination certificate hyperlink



- Click Generate QR Code
- •Create a PIN keep it secure!!
- •Go back and click on the View your vaccination certificate hyperlink
- You can Print and change yourPIN anytime









## **VAMS Helpdesk Contact Information**

### •Phone:

• Toll Free Number: 1-833-748-1979

◆ Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. EST Monday – Friday

### •Email:

CARS\_HelpDesk@cdc.gov

### •Web:

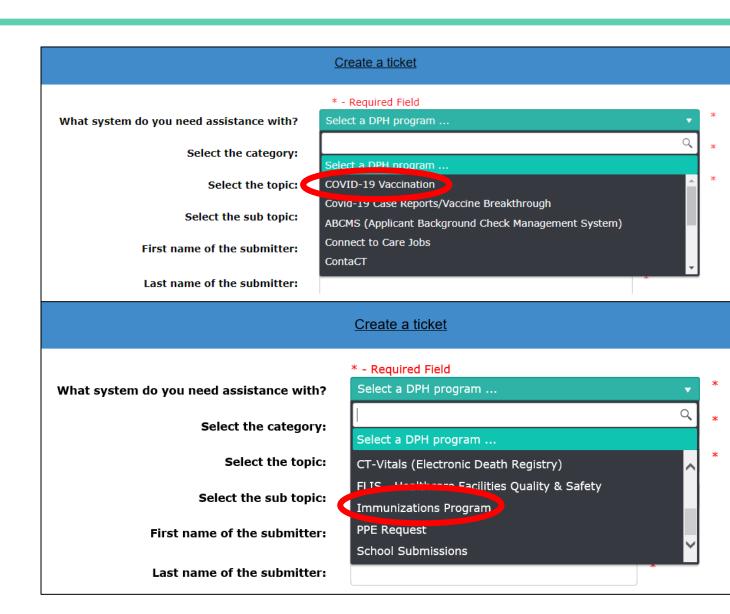
- Web Form in VAMS by selecting of Help in the top right header after authenticating into the portal
  - FAQ's Include Release Notes!
  - Search for an answer
  - Submit a Question





## **CT DPH Immunization Program Helpdesk**

- From our VAMS and CT WiZ training webpages, submit a request to our helpdesk:
  - DPH Helpdesk Ticketing System
  - What system do you need assistance with?
    - For VAMS Select: COVID-19
       Vaccination
    - For CT WiZ and CVP support –
       Select: Immunizations Program
    - For VAMS training requests –
       Select: COVID-19 Vaccination and Training





## 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







## **September Clinic Trainings and Office Hours**

#### Clinic Trainings and Office Hours

TRAINING	DATES/LINK
Bi-Weekly CoVP Update	Every Other Wednesday Effective 6/16/2021
This session provides CoVP Vaccinating Providers updates on	9:00am-10:00am
the CoVP Program and Q&A with DPH staff.	Join: CoVP Office Hours
CoVP CT WiZ Enrollment Office Hours	Mondays
This session provides COVID-19 Vaccinating Providers information about	12:00pm-12:30pm
the enrollment process in CT WiZ, and as well as Q&A with DPH staff.	Join: CoVP CT WiZ Enrollment Office Hours
CT WiZ/VAMS Office Hours	Tuesdays – 9:00am-10:00am
This session allows CT WiZ and VAMS users to call in any time during the	Join: CT WiZ/VAMS Office Hours
scheduled office hours and ask a question to a DPH subject matter	
expert. Please note, questions will be answered in the order in which	
they are received.	
Vaccine Storage and Handling Assessment	By Invitation Only
These assessments are by invitation only. To set up a CoVP Storage and	Tuesdays - 10:00am-11:00am
Handling Assessment Session you must have completed CoVP	Thursdays - 1:00pm-2:00pm
enrollment and received an email to attend from DPH staff.	

For more information and registration links go to the

**VAMS Training for Clinic Users** 

webpage

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 <a href="mailto:DPH.lmmunizations@ct.gov">DPH.lmmunizations@ct.gov</a>

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



# Message from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) About Off-Label Usage of COVID-19 Vaccines

Providers are responsible for adhering to all requirements outlined in the CDC's COVID-19 Provider Agreement. Specifically, providers must administer COVID-19 vaccines in accordance with all <u>program requirements and recommendations</u> of CDC, the <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u>, and the U.S Food and Drug Administration (<u>FDA</u>). This applies to both EUA and FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines. Accordingly, use of these products outside of those that have been approved and authorized by FDA (often referred to as "off-label use") is not recommended. It would violate the provider agreement and could expose providers to the following risks:

- Administration of the product off label may not be covered under the PREP Act or the PREP Act declaration;
   therefore, providers may not have immunity from claims.
- Individuals who receive an off-label dose may not be eligible for compensation under the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program after a possible adverse event.
- CDC has defined the scope of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program in terms of how the USG-provided vaccines may be used in the program. Providers giving off-label doses would be in violation of the CDC Program provider agreement potentially impacting their ability to remain a provider in the CDC program.
- Administration fees may not be reimbursable by payers.



### **Boosters: Volume of eligible individuals at 8 months**

Thousands of individuals eligible for booster doses by week, assuming interval of 8 months after completing primary series (2<sup>nd</sup> dose of mRNA or dose of J&J)



Also anticipate a roll-out to approximately 278k children between the ages of 5-11 during this same window of time – not reflected in chart