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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations enrolled in the pediatric CT Vaccine Program (CVP) and the Connecticut Vaccines for Adult (CVFA) Program – 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 [here](#).

Dear Providers,

The purpose of this communication is to provide guidance on COVID-19 vaccine administration for the 2025-2026 season, outline the authorized products, and share details on the appropriate procedures for returning vaccines that are no longer useable.

The Governor's Office issued a [press release](#) last week regarding the ongoing efforts to protect the health of Connecticut residents from COVID-19. As part of those efforts, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) has issued COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for the current season. Please see the full [Interim 2025-2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance](#) for additional information.

Guidance for pharmacists and pharmacy staff related to ordering, prescribing and administering the 2025-2026 seasonal COVID-19 vaccine can be found [here](#).

Additional information on insurance coverage can be found [here](#).

Vaccination against COVID-19 remains the most effective defense to prevent severe COVID-19 disease outcomes. CT DPH strongly urges providers to discuss vaccination with patients and parents/guardians and to encourage COVID-19 vaccination based on risk and shared clinical decision making.

Updated 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccines were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on August 27, 2025. Previous formulations that were approved under Emergency Use Authorizations were deauthorized.

The following 2025-2026 vaccines received FDA approval and may be used:

- Pfizer's COMIRNATY COVID-19 vaccine was approved for those 65 and older and for those 5-64 years with at least one [high-risk condition](#)
- Moderna's SPIKEVAX for those 65 and older and for those 6 months to 64 years with at least one [high-risk condition](#)
- Moderna's NEXSPIKE for those 65 and older and for those 12-64 years with at least one [high-risk condition](#)
- Novavax's NUVAXOVID for those 65 and older and for those 12-64 years with at least one [high-risk condition](#)

The following 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines continue to have FDA approval until expiration and providers can continue to administer if that formulation is desired by the patient AND the patient is eligible. Individuals who have already received a 2024-2025 vaccine should NOT receive an additional dose of that formulation. They should receive the 2025-2026 formulation when it becomes available.

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- 12 years and older: single-dose prefilled syringes labeled with gray borders, 0.3mL
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- 12 years and older: manufacturer-filled syringe (MFS), 0.5mL

Additional information on the implications of the label changes can be found [here](#).

2025–2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Access

Vaccines will be available to providers through the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) for children 6 months through 18 years after ACIP meets this week. Additional communication to CVP providers will be sent once ordering information is available.

Returning Expired and Deauthorized 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Products

The following 2024-2025 COVID vaccine products are no longer authorized under EUA and can be returned:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

- 6 months through 4 years: multiple-dose vials with yellow caps and labels with yellow borders
- 5 through 11 years: single-dose vials with blue caps and labels with blue borders
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- 6 months through 11 years: manufacturer-filled syringe (MFS), 0.25mL
- Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine
- 12 years and older: manufacturer-filled syringe, 0.5mL

How to return COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory:

If your clinic has COVID-19 doses that are no longer viable, please complete a return in CT WiZ.

- For step-by-step instructions, visit our CT WiZ training [website](#). Doses should be returned and **not** adjusted out of your inventory on hand. Adjustments are only used for wasted doses that cannot be returned i.e. broken vials, doses drawn but not administered, etc. Once your return is approved, a shipping label will be sent via email to your designated staff.
- For any questions related to COVID-19 inventory in CT WiZ, please submit a [help desk ticket](#) (select: Immunizations (CT WiZ)-Clinic Administration-CT WiZ Training and Inventory Support-CT WiZ Inventory Management).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

If you have additional questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, contact the CT DPH Immunization Program: [Contact Us](#)

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