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Subject: Ordering COVID-19 Vaccines for Uninsured Adults



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This communication is being sent to key contacts at selected provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccines—please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization.

Dear Connecticut Vaccines for Adult (CVFA) Program Provider,

CDC's [Bridge Access Program](#) to provide COVID-19 vaccination for uninsured or underinsured adults ended in August 2024 due to a loss of funding. However, **limited federal funds have been made available to support the purchase of the 2024–25 updated COVID-19 vaccines for this population.** These limited doses will be available to FQHCs and LHDs currently enrolled in the state's [CVFA program](#).

The 2024–25 COVID-19 vaccines remain accessible with no out-of-pocket cost through in-network vaccination providers to Medicaid and Medicare recipients and to adults with commercial insurance compliant with the Affordable Care Act. Children and teens younger than age 19 years continue to have access to these vaccines at no cost through the pediatric Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP).

2023–2024 COVID-19 Vaccines supplied through the Bridge Access Program

If your clinic has any deauthorized COVID-19 vaccines from the 2023–2024 season that were not administered, please remove all doses from inventory to prevent any accidental administration. **All state-supplied, deauthorized COVID-19 doses ordered through the Bridge Access Program should be returned to McKesson** similarly to other non-viable state-supplied vaccines. For assistance on how to complete a return in CT WiZ, please click [here](#).

Ordering CVFA 2024–2025 COVID-19 Vaccines:

Enrolled CVFA providers may begin placing orders as soon as they are ready.

Restitution will not be required for COVID-19 vaccines if a provider is unable to utilize all doses prior to expiration. However, providers should still only place orders based on clinic needs and place orders as often as necessary. All orders should be placed directly in CT WiZ. For assistance in placing an order, please visit our CT WiZ [training website](#) or submit a [help desk ticket](#) (Immunizations-Clinic Administration-CT WiZ Training and Inventory Support).

Currently the CVFA has Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna doses available to order. Please note that there are currently [McKesson Shipping Delays](#) that affect Moderna orders. Pfizer shipments are not affected since they ship direct from the manufacturer. If you need doses immediately, consider placing a Pfizer order.

Manufacturer	Presentation	Unit of Sale NDC
Pfizer Inc.	12y+; PRE-FILLED SINGLE DOSE SYRINGE; 10pk	00069-2432-10
ModernaTX Inc.	12y+; PRE-FILLED SINGLE DOSE SYRINGE; 10pk	80777-0110-93

REMINDERS:

CDC Vaccine Recommendation: It is recommended that everyone ages 6 months and older get the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people who have received a COVID-19 vaccine before and people who have had natural infection. The minimum interval from a previous COVID-19 vaccine dose is 8 weeks. People who recently had SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying a COVID-19 vaccine dose by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was asymptomatic). The revised interim clinical considerations for the use of COVID-19 vaccines can be found [here](#).

Vaccine Documentation and Reporting: All vaccine administration must be reported to CT WiZ.

Additionally, CVFA providers administering state-supplied vaccines are required to screen patients and [document eligibility](#) status at each immunization encounter and administer state-supplied vaccines only to adults who are at least 19 years of age and meet one of the following categories:

- a. **Uninsured:** A person who does not have health insurance.
- b. **Underinsured:** A person who has health insurance, but the insurance does not include any vaccines; a person whose insurance covers only selected vaccines; a person whose insurance does not provide first-dollar coverage for vaccines.

A patient can self-attest to their insurance status at the time of screening; no further verification is needed.

Vaccine Billing: Vaccine provided by the state is free of charge to recipients. Providers may not bill eligible patients for the cost of the vaccine.

Public Clinic Listing: Providers participating in the CVFA and administering COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults will soon be listed on the [CT DPH website](#) to support patient access.

As always, thank you for your continued support and efforts to vaccinate our community.

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