
COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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COVID-19 Call Center Holiday Hours and COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services will be closed November 23-25 and December 23-26, 2022. During this time, redistribution requests of COVID-19 vaccine will not be processed. The redistribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the physical transfer of vaccine between COVID-19 vaccination providers **MUST ONLY** occur after Immunization Program approval and IRIS transfer is complete. Inventory adjustments or redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine without Immunization Program approval may result in the loss of COVID-19 vaccine provider status and removal of COVID-19 vaccines.

The following are requirements for the redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine:

- Redistribution will ONLY be allowed between approved COVID-19 vaccine providers
- **Redistribution MUST be completed prior to physically transferring COVID-19 vaccine**
- Redistribution must be completed before administration of COVID-19 vaccine
- Redistribution will require completion of the COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Form and prior approval by IDPH
- Immunization Program staff will initiate the transfer of doses in the initiating organization's IRIS account, and will accept the transfer of doses in the receiving organization's IRIS account
- Transferring provider is responsible for the physical transfer of vaccine and ancillary supplies
Receiving organization is required to document COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in IRIS

Questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine can be directed to 1-800-831-6293 ext. 1 or COVID19Vaccine@idph.iowa.gov.

Single-Dose Vial Presentation for Pfizer (12+) Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine

In the COVID-19 Vaccine Request Survey that will be sent to LPHAs on December 5, 2022, IHHS will include the option of (bivalent) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 12 years of age or older

in single-dose vials. Doses will be limited and the Iowa Immunization Program does not anticipate receiving additional Pfizer single-dose vials until after the first of the year.

- **No ancillary kits are included with single-dose vial orders**
- This product is new packaging, not a new vaccine. Storage and handling requirements remain the same as the Pfizer bivalent multi-dose vial. (Store at ultra-low temperature until expiry, may refrigerate up to 10 weeks within expiry period)
- Minimum quantity per order: 50 doses
- Maximum quantity per order: 150 doses
- Single-dose vials do not require low-dead-volume syringes

There should be no waste with this product. Clinics vaccinating 50-100 patients weekly should continue to use multi-dose vials. CDC will limit single-dose vial vaccine orders to a maximum of 150 doses per healthcare provider order/shipment.

Minimum Order Quantities for Monovalent and Bivalent Pfizer Multi-Dose Vials

Multi-dose Pfizer Grey 12+ (bivalent and monovalent) ordering quantities for multi-dose vials will be reduced from 300 doses to 180 dose minimum starting on the December 5 COVID-19 Vaccine Request Survey.

Controlant Data Loggers in Pfizer Vaccine Shipping Boxes

The United State government contract with Controlant solutions to provide Controlant on-site temperature monitoring for Pfizer vaccines (after product acceptance) will not be supported after 11/28/2022. Controlant's dashboard will discontinue and DDL and temperature data issues should be directed to Pfizer.

Beginning November 24, Controlant DDLs will no longer be available for continued temporary storage temperature monitoring following the initial delivery of vaccine shipments. All providers should return Controlant DDLs using the return shipping label. **All Pfizer COVID vaccine shipments will continue to have supporting Controlant DDL in-transit temperature monitoring.**