**BULLETIN What Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Providers need to know Week of 12/21/2020**

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**Priority populations to be vaccinated this week**

* We are currently in Phase 1 in Massachusetts. All COVID-19 vaccination efforts should be focused on immunizing **COVID-19-facing healthcare personnel (HCP)**. Other priority groups should not have been activated at this time.
* COVID-19-facing HCP include employees, contractors, caregivers who provide care and services to patients on behalf of the facility, and students in the clinical training programs or from affiliated academic institutions reporting to the facility who care for people who are infected with COVID-19 or come into contact with COVID-infected materials. This category includes COVID-19-facing non-medical staff, such environmental services, food services, etc.
* Massachusetts’ phased approach to COVID-19 vaccination at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine>. Note: groups listed in order of priority.

**COVID-19 vaccine ordering**

* Providers who received shipments of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine the week of December 14th should expect shipments of the second doses for this vaccine the week of December 28th. Most Pfizer vaccine received during the week of December 28th will be for the second dose vaccine allocation. Please prioritize administering the second dose during this time.
* Initially the DPH Vaccine Unit will order for providers. Provider orders will be placed in the MIIS and then transmitted to CDC for fulfillment. The vaccine shipment should arrive 48-72 hours from the order.
* Providers will receive ancillary kits to support administration.
* Providers that receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will receive a combination ancillary and mixing kit. Each kit sent supports the administration of 975 doses.
* Providers that receive the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will receive an ancillary kit. Each kit supports administration of 100 doses.
* Providers that receive Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will also receive an initial dry ice replenishment. Vaccine can be maintained in the original shipping container for up to 30 days if dry ice is replenished every 5 days. Providers intending to keep Pfizer vaccine in the original shipper must ensure they have on going access to dry ice through a local vendor. Vaccine can only be redistributed to sites that have completed a Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Program (MCVP) Agreement. See attached document for redistribution information. Always consult the manufacturer and EUA for storage and handling. Please note this does not apply to temporary off site clinics.
* Sites that are redistributing vaccine must complete the attached transfer document and email to DPH-Vaccine-Management@massmail.state.ma.us

**Vaccine allocations**

* If you have vaccinated all COVID-19-facing HCP at your facility and still have doses remaining, **do not stop vaccinating.**  You should help vaccinate other COVID-19-facing HCP in your community.

**Materials for your use**

* ​EUA factsheets for providers, and vaccine recipients and their care givers: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine>
* The Moderna COVID19 vaccine website: <http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/>​
* CDC has issued [Interim Considerations for Preparing for the Potential Management of Anaphylaxis at COVID-19 Vaccination Sites](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_vaccines_covid-2D19_info-2Dby-2Dproduct_pfizer_anaphylaxis-2Dmanagement.html&d=DwMF-g&c=lDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=5Fyw0TWQD8t6X2LVqctYhPS7EpOS33sK8Ph8DVTp2s4&m=oiaN4wNn2PAzL6gl7rRs81LQ2YMFTvbbWQG95qQODk4&s=LcOJXww8Vs4qE9-rfI3jlFWdSYvkCh6oT0fFui8eOIM&e=). Appropriate medical treatment for severe allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event that an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.  Vaccination providers should also be reminded to review, implement, and consult [CDC’s Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_vaccines_covid-2D19_info-2Dby-2Dproduct_pfizer_clinical-2Dconsiderations.html&d=DwMF-g&c=lDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=5Fyw0TWQD8t6X2LVqctYhPS7EpOS33sK8Ph8DVTp2s4&m=oiaN4wNn2PAzL6gl7rRs81LQ2YMFTvbbWQG95qQODk4&s=pIBw1Jdh3-5bw64CCZ6iZo3blFnMkjE3PYWtUNAwC1s&e=).
* CDC Storage and Handling Toolkit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>
* Healthcare Professionals: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html>

**V-SAFE website now live**

* CDC has launched the new [**v-safe**after vaccination health checker](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_coronavirus_2019-2Dncov_vaccines_safety_vsafe.html&d=DwMGaQ&c=lDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=5Fyw0TWQD8t6X2LVqctYhPS7EpOS33sK8Ph8DVTp2s4&m=xepI_WavwbwCzFz4DXuzIJZOQ-1CBid70H99xH3N-Rw&s=MhIUEfViiW1UYpiew5_jX6syH1HM3LP_tW7s2b-Kg7A&e=).

**V-safe** web pages feature information on how to register and complete a **v-safe** health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources. Healthcare providers have a vital role in encouraging COVID-19 vaccine recipients to participate; please see recommended provider/patient script below and attached v-safe information sheet + poster. Suggested healthcare provider script for encouraging patients to participate in **v-safe:**

*CDC has created a way for you to report how you feel after COVID-19 vaccination through a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with you. Here (or in your packet) is a****v-safe****information sheet with more details and simple instructions to sign up.*

**Learning Opportunities**

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**For sites using the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine**

* Pfizer EUA Website <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com>
* Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 Vaccine Prevaccination Screening Form <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>
* Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 Vaccine Sample Standing Order <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/standing-orders.pdf>
* Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Preparation and Administration Summary Sheet <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/prep-and-admin-summary.pdf>
* Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 Vaccine Mixing Vaccine Diluent and Vaccine (another closely related document)  <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/diluent-poster.pdf>
* Translations of the Fact Sheet on Pfizer COVID-19 for Recipients and Caregivers <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine>
* [CDC’s Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.cdc.gov_vaccines_covid-2D19_info-2Dby-2Dproduct_pfizer_clinical-2Dconsiderations.html&d=DwMGaQ&c=lDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w&r=5Fyw0TWQD8t6X2LVqctYhPS7EpOS33sK8Ph8DVTp2s4&m=xepI_WavwbwCzFz4DXuzIJZOQ-1CBid70H99xH3N-Rw&s=4eXOj5YIbB2W1ZSqnHw5vEuupAT060w6KkJcPb4a2w4&e=)
* CDC Webpage – Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/index.html>
* Additional information can be found at Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Information  <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/index.html>

**For sites using the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine**

* EUA fact sheets for providers and vaccine recipients <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine>
* The Moderna Call Center is available from 8am to 8pm EST, Monday through Friday and can be reached at 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762).
* CDC product info on Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/index.html>​

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