

**BULLETIN**

**What Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Need to Know Week of 7/8/21**

**Latest Numbers**

* As of 7/7, 4,247,208 people in Massachusetts have been fully vaccinated.

**Who to Vaccinate this Week**

* Anyone age 12 and older who lives, works, or studies in Massachusetts is eligible for a vaccine. Health care providers can also vaccinate their patient panels regardless of place of residency.

**What to Know this Week**

* New [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html) updated 7/2/20.

Updates include:

* A new section on considerations for use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines in people with a history of myocarditis or pericarditis added to considerations for vaccination of people with certain underlying medical conditions.
* New information on the occurrence of myocarditis or pericarditis following vaccination with mRNA COVID-19 vaccines added to patient counseling.
* Reminder ***Updated EUA Factsheets for Moderna and Pfizer:*** On 6/25/21 the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorization (EUA) factsheets for Healthcare Providers and Recipients/Caregivers were updated with myocarditis and pericarditis statements: see the [Pfizer](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine) and [Moderna](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine) factsheets.
* Reminder ***Maintaining Accurate Inventory in the MIIS:*** Providers should ensure that the inventory in the MIIS is accurate and matches physical inventory. Providers agreed to maintain an accurate inventory when completing the MCVP agreement. Inability to do so may be considered fraud and abuse. For help updating your inventory use the [MIIS & Accountability resource](https://resources.miisresourcecenter.com/trainingcenter/Vaccine%20Accountability%20Resource%20Guide.pdf), or contact the Vaccine Unit at 617-983-6828.
* Reminder ***ID and Insurance Not Required to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine***: Vaccination sites should ensure that all signage and other messaging on site makes it clear that an ID and insurance card are not required for vaccination, the vaccine is free to all, and no one will receive a bill. You are strongly encouraged to make sure that all staff at your vaccination location, including intake staff, are trained on this. Staff should clearly communicate to patients that, although they might ask for an ID and insurance, these are not required.
* ***Viewing Patient Vaccination Records Reported to the MIIS:*** Providers are obligated to provide immunization records to their patients when feasible to do so, either using their EHR system or the MIIS to locate and print the patient’s immunization certificate. Please review [this letter](https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-program-mcvp-letter-june-21-2021/download) on how to view patient vaccination records reported to the MIIS.This also gives providers insight into vaccinations that have been administered by other health care providers in the state so that they can conduct outreach to unvaccinated patients in their practice.
* ***CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards:*** As a reminder, COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards remain property of the U.S. Government until provided to the vaccine recipient following vaccination. Unauthorized use and reproduction of the cards constitute fraud. Please ensure that COVID-19 Vaccination Cards in your possession are secure to avoid their misuse. Healthcare providers can order extra print copies from the [MA Health Promotion Clearinghouse.](https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/PROG-BID/IM247.html)
* ***Revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Template and Redistribution Guidance***: The [COVID-19 Vaccine Management SOP Template](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-vaccine-management-standard-operating-procedure-sop-template/download) and [Redistribution Guidance for COVID-19 vaccines](https://www.mass.gov/doc/redistribution-guidance-for-covid-19-vaccines/download) were updated 6/14/21 to reflect changes in storage and handling.

**Resources & Learning Opportunities**

* New MDPH Immunization Division is pleased to present the following FREE accredited COVID-19 Vaccine content. These training sessions are designed for health care providers, vaccine coordinators, and all health care personnel who handle and/or administer COVID-19 vaccines. <https://macovidvax.populationhealthexchange.org/>
* NewRecent CDC MMWRs:
  + 7/6: [Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Myocarditis Among Vaccine Recipients: Update from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, June 2021](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/t.emailupdates.cdc.gov/r/?id=h4aa6cc74,1458b3a0,145de0d5&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM60791&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR*20Early*20Release*20-*20Vol.*2070*2C*20July*206*2C*202021__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJQ!!CUhgQOZqV7M!yFsMUWUlTWm2WWb8dGMX0rKzo5bzyLZFRd_zzd6gfbf5IyLFWIIvoGD-6n4HI_hgIp3R0lHf$)
  + 7/2: [Efficacy of Portable Air Cleaners and Masking for Reducing Indoor Exposure to Simulated Exhaled SARS-CoV-2 Aerosols — United States, 2021](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7027e1.htm?s_cid=mm7027e1_w__;!!CUhgQOZqV7M!1N4Y_ffSd68us9tz7EkiqS6w-CCOjMYs4WOLdK_jd6GqrO4jSeMJoKWKIZMxo3FHjig$)
  + 7/2: [Symptoms of Depression, Anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Suicidal Ideation Among State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, March–April 2021](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7026e1.htm?s_cid=mm7026e1_w__;!!CUhgQOZqV7M!1N4Y_ffSd68us9tz7EkiqS6w-CCOjMYs4WOLdK_jd6GqrO4jSeMJoKWKIZMxKjLkoOs$)
  + 7/2: [Disparities in Learning Mode Access Among K–12 Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic, by Race/Ethnicity, Geography, and Grade Level — United States, September 2020–April 2021](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7026e2.htm?s_cid=mm7026e2_w__;!!CUhgQOZqV7M!1N4Y_ffSd68us9tz7EkiqS6w-CCOjMYs4WOLdK_jd6GqrO4jSeMJoKWKIZMxOs5csr0$)
* [Resources for refugees, immigrants, and migrants](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-covid-19-vaccine-education-and-outreach-materials" \l "materials-for-refugees,-immigrants,-and-migrants-): Free, customizable, and translated campaigns for anyone to use. Materials are available in 30+ languages that are representative of refugee populations arriving in the US and living in Massachusetts.
* **Resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have low literacy:**
  + [How I get my COVID-19 shot](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/iz1.me/d5ae2zmoKbW__;!!CUhgQOZqV7M!2vG2AMAoqIf4hABgoYN_6BDp047aStF91jHGc3fEDDsbNgsf3AM_ctTfWOtml0uprXmhvw$): Simple illustrations and easy-to-read messages to explain how to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
  + [**Promotional toolkit**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/iz1.me/e5ae2zmoKbW__;!!CUhgQOZqV7M!2vG2AMAoqIf4hABgoYN_6BDp047aStF91jHGc3fEDDsbNgsf3AM_ctTfWOtml0v5LGyvQA$): includes sample social media posts, email content, and images for sharing these resources with your networks.
* COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Healthcare Professionals: [General](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/faq.html) | [Janssen](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/janssen-faqs.html) | [Moderna](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/moderna-faqs.html) | [Pfizer](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/pfizer-bioNTech-faqs.html)
* Download the CDC [prevaccination checklist](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html) in multiple languages
* Visit the [MIIS Resource Center](http://www.miisresourcecenter.com/) for training videos, guides, and more.
* [MIIS Coverage Reports](https://resources.miisresourcecenter.com/trainingcenter/Coverage%20Reports_2019_Mini%20Guide.pdf) allow sites to evaluate the immunization coverage for its practice.
* [MIIS Reminder/Recall Reports](https://resources.miisresourcecenter.com/trainingcenter/Reminder%20Recall_2018_Mini%20Guide.pdf) provide a list of patients that are due or overdue for a specific vaccine, based on criteria specified by the user.