

# I-VAC

ILLINOIS VACCINATES  
AGAINST COVID-19

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## I-VAC NEWSLETTER

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### COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES CORNER:

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#### Being Up-to-Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Matters

A [meta-analysis](#) of COVID-19 vaccine studies suggests that vaccine effectiveness against an Omicron COVID-19 infection quickly declines within a year of vaccination. The review showed that vaccine effectiveness against Omicron infection and symptomatic disease was under 20% six months after vaccination with the primary series and under 30% nine months after vaccination with a booster dose. This demonstrates a need for additional doses (primarily among older and immunocompromised populations), as well as a need for updated formulations of the vaccine. Despite waning protection, everyone 6 months and older should be vaccinated in an effort to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy for as long as possible.



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#### COVID-19 Vaccine Coding

With the recent change to the use of bivalent-only COVID-19 vaccine products, there have been some updates to the coding structure for COVID-19 vaccine administration and counseling. Refer to [this detailed article](#) from the AAP for more information to help ensure you are getting paid for all your efforts! Here is the updated schedule of fees from [IL HFS](#).

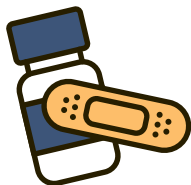
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#### Janssen No Longer Available

The Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine is [no longer available in the US](#), as all remaining doses expired as of May 7, 2023. Any remaining stock should be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. All guidance for use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has also been removed from the CDC website. Those who previously received 1 or 2 doses of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive at least one bivalent dose of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

# END OF FEDERAL COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ended May 11, 2023, with a [statement](#) from the US Department of Health & Human Service's Secretary, Xavier Becerra, on the progress that has been made since 2020 and on the department's continued commitment to protecting the health of Americans. The end of the PHE may or may not [impact certain flexibilities](#) that were put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## The end of the PHE does *not* impact:

- Access to COVID-19 vaccination and treatment
- Major telehealth flexibilities
- Government response to long COVID

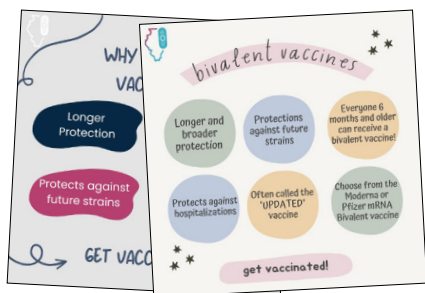
## The end of the PHE *does* impact:

- Coverage for COVID-19 testing and at home test-kits
- [COVID-19 data reporting and surveillance](#)
- Amendment of the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act (this includes the ability for [pharmacists to continue vaccinating](#) for flu and COVID down to age 3).

## MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE SHELF-LIFE EXTENSIONS

Some lots of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine have received shelf-life extensions. See the chart to the right and be sure to always check the expiration date look-up tools for both [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer](#) products before disposing of product.

LOT NUMBER	OLD EXPIRY	NEW EXPIRY	LOCATION(S)
AS7172B	6/12/2023	9/12/2023	In Field
066H22A	6/13/2023	9/13/2023	In Field
067H22A	6/15/2023	9/15/2023	CDC Depot; In Field
AS7173B	6/16/2023	9/16/2023	CDC Depot; In Field
AS7180B	6/26/2023	9/26/2023	CDC Depot; In Field; VMI



## UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGES

I-VAC has new social media resources available for providers to share on their personal or organization's accounts to promote COVID-19 vaccination. [View and download graphics.](#)

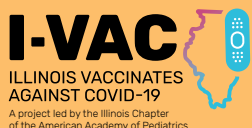
## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### IN-PERSON COVID-19 VACCINE BOOTCAMP

Friday, June 16th, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration is now closed. Please email [join@ilvaccinates.com](mailto:join@ilvaccinates.com) as soon as possible if you are still interested in attending.

## BEYOND THE NEEDLE

New episodes of I-VAC's podcast **Beyond the Needle** are currently being released! In the most recent episode, physicians discuss mainstreaming COVID-19 vaccinations and maintaining protections to promote health. [Listen to this episode or catch up on previously recorded episodes.](#)



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