COVID-19 VACCINE COMMERCIALIZATION: WHAT THIS MEANS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS/SYSTEMS

Modern and Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccines and Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine are available through the commercial market in the U.S. They are also available through select government programs (Vaccines For Children (VFC), Bridge Access Program). Bivalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines, and the previous formulation of the Novavax before the fall 2023/2024 vaccines, are no longer authorized for use. You should remove these vaccines from your physical inventory and dispose in compliance with vaccine disposal regulations.

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How are patients impacted by commercialization?

COVID-19 vaccines are no longer free to everyone.

- Children eligible for VFC are able to receive COVID-19 vaccines at no cost.
- Adults eligible for Bridge Access Program are able to receive COVID-19 vaccines at no cost.
- Patients with private insurance will access COVID-19 vaccines the same way they access other vaccinations.

Are there single dose vials?

Yes! Moderna has single-dose vials available in limited quantities. Moderna and Pfizer are also distributing pre-filled syringes in limited quantities.

What are the minimum ordering quantities?

- Pfizer formulations for 5-11 years and 12+ years of age - 10 dose pack
- Pfizer formulation for 6 month to 4 years of age - 30 dose pack
- Moderna all formulations - 10 dose pack
- Upon commercialization of Novavax - 50 dose pack

How much do COVID-19 vaccines cost to purchase?

- Pfizer: $120 per dose
- Moderna: $129 per dose
- Novavax: $130 per dose

How are COVID-19 vaccines ordered in Illinois?

- For clinics enrolled in VFC: Through I-CARE or link provided by CDPH.
- For clinics enrolled in Bridge Access: Through I-CARE or links provided by CDPH.
- Private stock: The same way other commercialized vaccines are ordered, order through manufacturer. Moderna Direct and Pfizer Prime.
What are the reporting requirements for vaccinators in Illinois?

Per Illinois' Immunization Registry Code, Section 689.40(d) providers shall report all COVID-19 immunizations administered in Illinois to the Registry (I-CARE). This includes both publicly available and privately purchased COVID-19 vaccines. Per the same code, section 689.10, the definition of provider is as follows: “Health care provider” or “Provider” means any person licensed and authorized to administer or order the administration of any immunization in Illinois. Healthcare provider includes the clinics, facilities, hospitals and pharmacies where the licensed healthcare provider works, as well as Illinois licensed long term care facilities.

Per federal requirements, providers enrolled in the Bridge Access Program must publicize their clinic information on Vaccines.gov so that uninsured and underinsured adults will know where to find Bridge Access Program funded vaccines.

See the CDC Provider Agreement Update website for Discontinuation of USG COVID-19 Vaccine Program for information on reporting and close-out steps.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Dosing and Scheduling Charts:
- Ages 6 months–4 years
- Ages 6 months–4 years (Immunocompromised)
- Ages 5–11 years
- Ages 5–11 years (Immunocompromised)
- Ages 12 years and older
- Ages 12 years and older (Immunocompromised)
- Novavax – Ages 12 years and older
- Novavax – Ages 12 years and older (Immunocompromised)

CPT codes: American Medical Association Immunization Codes
- American Academy of Pediatrics Getting Paid website
- IL HFS COVID fee schedule
- VISs or EUAs (EUAs serve as the VIS for those vaccines under emergency use authorization):
  - Pfizer 6 months–11 years
  - Pfizer 12 years+
  - Moderna 6 months–11 years
  - Moderna 12 years+
  - Novavax

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CDC Standing Orders:
- Standing orders for Pfizer, ages 6 months through 4 years
- Standing orders for Moderna, ages 6 months through 4 years
- Standing orders for Pfizer, ages 5 years and older
- Standing orders for Moderna, ages 5 years and older
- Standing orders for Novax, ages 12 years and older