

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – August 3, 2021

Read below for topics covered or you can view the full video for detailed information.

Providers Protect Our Communities

- Some schools are starting as early as August 12th! For more information on Back-to-School Vaccine schedules for childcare facilities, K-12, and college entry, visit the [DSHS website](#).
- **Providers should contact patients who are over-due for routine and COVID-19 vaccine second dose;** use the [Reminder/Recall feature \(video\)](#) in ImmTrac2 to identify these patients. Healthcare professionals are patients' and parents' most trusted source of information on vaccines. Providing all types of vaccines, and accepting walk-ins, increases accessibility for patients to receive a vaccine.

Importance of ImmTrac2 Reporting

- **All COVID-19 Vaccine administrations will need to be reported in ImmTrac2 within 24 hours.** Check out the [Rapid Entry Job Aid](#) for quick reporting. Patients are **not required** to sign a disaster consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Disaster unconsented patients needing a copy of their vaccination record will need to fill out a [patient consent form](#) and send it to ImmTrac2@dshs.texas.gov.

COVID-19 Provider Updates

- On 07/28/21, the FDA authorized an extension of the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine from **4.5 months to 6 months. Confirm the most current expiration dates [here](#).**
- Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine orders will be delivered from the remaining State stock that is set to expire 08/31/2021. If you need Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines with later expiration dates: 1) **In VAOS, order the Pfizer vaccine 450 tray size** 2) **Email COVID19VacShipments@dshs.texas.gov immediately** and inform them that you need vaccines with expiration dates later than 08/31/21.
- **Ensure thermal shippers are empty when preparing for a return.** The **Pfizer thermal shipping container**, having contained 450 doses or multiples of 450 doses in a shipment, may be used as temporary storage for up to 30 days from delivery. **The green DSHS thermal shipping container** is expected to be **returned within 24-48 hours after shipment** is received. This applies to small orders (below minimum pack size).

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Help Desk: (877) 835-7750, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- Once a provider facility has an account on ImmTrac2, are they obligated to report all vaccines after administering them?
- Is the J&J/Janssen vaccine available to order in VAOS?
- As a provider, where can I place an order for influenza vaccines, and is there a fee to order?
- Some vaccine-hesitant patients are concerned that the CDC is updating their guidelines frequently. What can I communicate with the patient to address their hesitancy?

