

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – August 17, 2021

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- August 13, 2021, the Center for Disease and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended that people whose immune system are moderately to severely compromised receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least **28 days after an initial two-dose mRNA series** (Pfizer or Moderna). Read the FDA’s revision of the Emergency Use Authorization fact sheets [here](#) and the CDC’s recommendation on August 13 [here](#).

Vaccine Recommendations to Help Protect Adolescents, Adults, and Pregnant People

- To ensure adolescents maintain strong protection against vaccine-preventable diseases, providers should recommend [HPV, Flu, Meningococcal, and Pertussis vaccinations](#) for their patients and [co-administer immunizations](#) when possible.
- To learn more about how to assess, recommend, administer, refer, and document adult vaccines, visit the CDC’s [Standards for Adult Immunization Practice](#). For more information about specific vaccine recommendations for adults, visit this [CDC webpage](#).
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can protect pregnant persons before, during, and after pregnancy from severe illness from COVID-19. Visit the CDC’s [Toolkit for Prenatal Care Providers](#) for strategies to increase the rates of maternal immunization. Additionally, review the [Talking to Pregnant Women resource](#) for example responses to frequently asked questions on vaccination while pregnant.

COVID-19 Vaccine Product Updates

- All COVID-19 Vaccine Providers should be reporting COVID-19 vaccine waste, including the Janssen/J&J vaccine, daily. If you have any questions about how to report waste, please contact COVID19VacShipments@dshs.texas.gov.
- Since July 2, 2021, the Janssen/J&J COVID-19 vaccine is not available to order on VAOS; however, **providers can request a transfer from providers who have the Janssen/J&J vaccine available in their stock**. For more information, please review the GovDelivery email sent on July 5, 2021.

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:

- Who can I contact if I have questions regarding my COVID-19 vaccine stock expiration dates?
- If I do not report wasted doses on time, will this jeopardize me in ordering more vaccines?
- When should I report wasted doses, and do we have to return wasted doses?
- What is the difference between a booster dose and third dose of a vaccine?
- What is the criteria for a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine?

