

# Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – August 24, 2021

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Updates

- On August 23, 2021, the [FDA granted full licensure approval](#) to Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, making it the **first FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.** The vaccine will be marketed as **COMIRNATY**, a vaccine indicated for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.
- COVID-19 Providers can once again order Moderna COVID-19 10-dose vials; Moderna COVID-19 orders can be placed in multiples of 10-dose/100 dose or 14-dose/140 dose. COVID-19 Providers can now order Pfizer 1170; Pfizer 450 is no longer available.
- Note that pediatric ancillary kits are not available for Pfizer 1170 pack size orders.

## Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program

- Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured and under-insured children. The TVFC Program removes the burden of the financial cost of vaccines and allows children to be kept in their "medical home," which is beneficial to the provider and client. Families who are currently paying for vaccinations may be TVFC eligible.
- Visit the [Texas Vaccines for Children Provider Manual](#) for detailed information on requirements and guidelines after signing up for the program.
- Per [House Bill 1921](#), all health care providers and payors, including those participating in TVFC, are **required to report to ImmTrac2 all vaccines given to children under 18 years old**. The reporting of vaccines administered through TVFC is critically important as part of TVFC's accountability requirements; reporting also ensures accurate amounts of dose replenishment.

## Required vs. Recommended Vaccines for Children and Adolescents

- Children need specific immunizations to participate in events and activities including [enrolling in child care and pre-k](#); [attending school \(K-12\)](#); and [attending colleges, universities, and technical schools](#).
- In addition to sharing vaccine requirements with your patients, be sure to review [recommended vaccines](#) for all children 18 years old and under.

### 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](mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov)

### Session Live Q&A:

- With the discontinuation of the Pfizer vaccine 450 dose pack, are there any other options for ordering less than the 1170 dose pack?
- How might we approach the community's requests for the booster vaccine since these recommendations have not yet been established?
- What is the difference between an additional dose and a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine?
- Do you have to be a Medicaid provider to participate in TVFC?

