

Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – September 14, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the [full video](#) for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- On September 10th, the FDA issued a [statement](#) outlining the status and the steps it will take to authorize COVID-19 vaccine for children younger than 11 years of age.
- Pfizer continues to state submission for potential EUA to the FDA for children 5-11 years of age in the September-October timeframe, and “soon” after for 6 months to 5 years of age. Moderna mRNA-1273 study in young children ages 6 months to 11 years is ongoing.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Best Practices

- Learn more about [v-safe](#), a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to give personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and [VaxText](#), a free text messaging platform that allows patients to receive COVID-19 vaccination second-dose reminders.
- Visit the VAERS official [website](#) to learn about reporting vaccine-related adverse events.
- Remember to accurately record COVID-19 vaccine information on COVID-19 Vaccine Record Cards and encourage your patients to take a photo of their record cards for record keeping purposes. If you give a new patient a second dose, confirm that it is the **same manufacturer** and the correct interval.

Where and When to Report Waste

- Reporting COVID-19 vaccine waste in VAOS is critical; learn about reporting expired and spoiled vaccine in DSHS’s [COVID-19 Vaccine Waste guide](#). Review [CDC’s COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage Table](#) for details on what needs to be reported as waste.

COVID-19 Product Updates

- **Janssen/J&J COVID-19 Vaccine** is now available to order in VAOS. The Janssen vaccine is available only in pack-size increments of 100 doses, with a minimum order amount of 100 doses. If you place an order of 1000+ doses, you will receive an email from DSHS asking you to confirm your order.
- Providers receiving transfers through Health Hero can expect to their inventory to be updated in VAOS the Monday after receiving their vaccine.

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:

- Since booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine are not yet approved by the FDA, if a provider administers a booster can they face any repercussions?
- For the immunocompromised patients who need an additional dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, should providers administer the half dose?
- Can a patient who received AstraZeneca for their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine receive Pfizer/Moderna for their second and/or additional dose?

