

# Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – September 21, 2021

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- On September 21<sup>st</sup>, **Janssen announced submission of booster data** to the FDA for consideration.
- On September 20<sup>th</sup> Pfizer announced results from their Phase 2/3 study in children 5-11 years of age. The dose for 5-11 years being evaluated is 10 mcg (versus 30 mcg for adults), 2-dose series given 21 days apart. The data is “showing a favorable safety profile and robust neutralizing antibody response” and Pfizer plans “to submit them to the FDA and other regulators with urgency.”
- The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met on September 17<sup>th</sup> to review the SBLA for COMIRNATY and **voted for a booster dose** in persons 65 years of age and older and those at high risk of severe COVID-19.

## Special Message for our Texas Vaccine Providers

- All TVFC and ASN providers are encouraged to enroll in the **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Program** to ensure pediatric and adult patients have access to COVID-19 vaccine. To enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider, professionals and facilities must register at [EnrollTexasIZ.dshs.texas.gov](https://enroll.texas.gov). Email the DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Help Desk at [COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov) or call (833) 832-7068, Option 1 with enrollment questions.

## A Word from the VacShipments Team

- Moderna 100 is no longer available for ordering in VAOS; existing orders of Moderna 100 may be upgraded to Moderna 140.
- When ordering COVID-19 vaccine in VAOS, only order enough for approximately one month’s supply.
- When transferring COVID-19 vaccine, it is the responsibility of the transferring provider to include any ancillary supplies from the original order in the transfer order.
- Please verify your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine expiration date, as there is a chance your J&J vaccine may expire on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. To check expiration of J&J vaccine, you may visit [www.vaxcheck.jnj](http://www.vaxcheck.jnj) and enter the lot number, call 800-565-4008, or scan the QR code using a smartphone camera.

## 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:

- Will non-TVFC providers be able to obtain the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine if/when it is authorized and recommended for the 5-11 year old age group, or will that distribution be limited to TVFC providers?
- How should I respond to patients who ask, “Should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?” or “Which COVID-19 vaccine should I get?”
- What special requirements are there, if any, to host pop-up vaccine clinics? Are there special contracts, forms, applications, etc.?

