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Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Provider,

On July 13, 2022, Novavax's COVID-19 Vaccine received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to provide a two-dose primary series to individuals 18 years of age and older. Subsequently, on July 19, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) made recommendations that Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine be used as another primary series option for adults ages 18 years and older. The CDC Director, Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, endorsed ACIP's recommendations for the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine.

Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is now available for open ordering through the Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS).

- The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is a protein-subunit vaccine. It is authorized for 18 years and older 2-dose primary series, administered 21 days apart.
 - Maximum benefit from the vaccine is 2 weeks following the second dose.
- The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine should be stored in standard refrigerator conditions between 36-46° F (2-8° C).
 - Do NOT **freeze** this vaccine.
 - Store vaccine in the original carton and protect from light.
 - This vaccine **MUST** be discarded 6 hours after first puncture.

- The vaccine is **preservative free** and does not require reconstitution or dilution.
- The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine should be administered intramuscularly (IM).
 - Each multiple-dose vial contains 10 doses.
 - Dose: 0.5 mL should be administered for each dose.
 - No dilution is required for this vaccine presentation.
 - To find the expiration date, access www.NovavaxCovidVaccine.com, navigate to the United States Healthcare Professional section of the website, and enter the lot number printed on the carton or vial into the “Expiry Date Checker” tool.

There are currently no limitations on ordering, and orders will be accepted daily.

A full pack size order is 100 doses (10 vials). If providers would like to place a smaller order than the minimum pack size, the order should be made in increments of 10 doses (1 vial). Note, smaller orders will take a longer time to be delivered.

Considerations prior to ordering:

- As per COVID-19 policy, providers who have not reported their monthly inventory will be unable to order vaccine until they have completed this requirement in VAOS.
- Ensure your data logger certificates are in compliance. Current data logger certificates are required in order to place orders in VAOS.
- More information to come on the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine order, ancillary kits.

Resources:

[Novavax Patients Fact Sheet 07132022 \(fda.gov\)](#)

[Novavax HCP Fact Sheet 07132022 \(fda.gov\)](#)

For any questions, please email: COVID19VacShipments@dshs.texas.gov.

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