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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

**FROM:** Carrie Blanchard, PharmD, MPH CB Immunization Branch Director

## SUBJECT: COVID-19 Updates for 2024-2025 Respiratory Season

The purpose of this memo is to provide North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) providers with the latest information on the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine. Please take time to carefully review this memo in full.

On August 22, 2024, the <u>FDA authorized and approved the updated mRNA 2024-2025</u> <u>COVID-19 vaccines</u>. These vaccines are now available to order through NCIR. We await FDA action on Novavax's 2024-2025 formula. We'll update you when we know more.

## **KEY POINTS**

- Adult COVID-19 vaccines are expected to become available late-September or early October for uninsured and underinsured adults through 317 funds. These doses are available only for enrolled Local Health Departments (LHDs), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Rural Health Centers (RHCs). When ordering adult vaccines, you must specify which product(s) and how many doses are for 317 funding in the comments section on the order screen.
- Since the authorization and approval of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines, any remaining 2023-2024 doses on hand are no longer authorized. They must be immediately wasted in NCIR and returned. Providers should choose "Recall" as the wastage reason. Administration of non-authorized products is considered a vaccine administration error and must be <u>reported to VAERS</u>.

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- VFC providers are required to order state-supplied COVID-19 vaccines for their VFC-eligible patients. Providers are not required to purchase private COVID-19 vaccines until August 31, 2025. However, if you plan to vaccinate privately insured patients, you will need to procure private supply. VFC doses cannot be administered to ineligible patients.
- For VFC providers who maintain private stock of COVID-19 vaccine and vaccinate privately insured children, bidirectional borrowing of COVID-19 vaccine is allowed. As with other routine VFC vaccines, borrowed doses must be repaid (dose for dose) within 30 days. This follows the VFC borrowing and replacement policy.
- Due to uncertain demand of the COVID-19 vaccine, providers will not be penalized for expired or outdated vaccines.
- Only NCIP providers can order the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines for their eligible populations through NCIR.
- Standing Orders will be updated soon and will be available here.

Please see the COVID-19 vaccines available for the 2024-2025 season below.

				Age Group		Storage
NDC	Manufacturer	Brand	Presentation	Covered	Diluent	Guidelines
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						Frozen (-50°C
			single dose			to -15°C) or
		Moderna COVID-19	pre-filled	VFC children		60 days
		Vaccine 2024-2025	syringe, 10	6 mos 11		refrigerated
80777-0291-80	Moderna	Formula 0.25mL	pack	years of age	No	(2°C to 8°C)
						Frozen (-50°C
		Spikevax® (COVID-	single dose			to -15°C) or
		19 Vaccine, mRNA)	pre-filled	VFC children		60 days
		2024-2025	syringe, 10	12 - 18 years		refrigerated
80777-0110-93	Moderna	Formula 0.5 mL	pack	of age	No	(2°C to 8°C)
			single dose			
			pre-filled	VFC children		
		Novavax COVID-19	syringe, 10	12 - 18 years		Refrigerated
TBA	Novavax*	Vaccine 0.5mL	pack	ofage	No	(2°C to 8°C)
						ULC (-90°C to
						-60°C) or
		Pfizer-BioNTech	3 dose multi-	VFC children		10 weeks
		COVID-19 Vaccine	dose vial, 10	6 mos 4		refrigerated
59267-4426-02	Pfizer	3mcg/0.3mL	pack	years of age	Yes	(2°C to 8°C)
						ULC (-90°C to
						-60°C) or
		Pfizer-BioNTech		VFC children		10 weeks
		COVID-19 Vaccine	single -dose	5 - 11 years		refrigerated
59267-4438-02	Pfizer	10mcg/0.3mL	vial, 10 pack	ofage	No	(2°C to 8°C)
		_	single dose	-		
			pre-filled	VFC children		
		Comirnaty® 0.1	syringe, 10	12 - 18 years		Refrigerated
00069-2432-10	Pfizer	mg/mL	pack	ofage	No	(2°C to 8°C)
†Adult						
						Frozen (-50°C
		Spikevax® (COVID-	single dose			to -15°C) or
		19 Vaccine, mRNA)	pre-filled			60 days
		2024-2025	syringe, 10	19+ years of		refrigerated
80777-0110-93	Moderna	Formula 0.5 mL	pack	age	No	(2°C to 8°C)
			single dose			
			pre-filled			
		Novavax COVID-19	syringe, 10	19+ years of		Refrigerated
TBA	Novavax*	Vaccine 0.5mL	pack	age	No	(2°C to 8°C)
			single dose			
			pre-filled			
		Comirnaty® 0.1	syringe, 10	19+ years of		Refrigerated
00069-2432-10	Pfizer	mg/mL	pack	age	No	(2°C to 8°C)

\*Novavax 2024-2025 formulation is still pending FDA approval/authorization.

<sup>†</sup>Adult COVID-19 products will be available for uninsured and underinsured adults (19 years and older) through enrolled LHDs, FQHCs, and RHCs only.

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## How to Contact Us

For assistance, please contact the NCIR Help Desk by phone, 1.877.USE.NCIR (873-6247) or by email.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to improving immunization outcomes in North Carolina.