

FAQ: COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Logistics

As your trusted pharmacy partner, we want to address the most common questions that our customers have had after navigating the sign-up process through the pharmacy partnership portals. We will continue to update you as we move through this dynamic time together.

Q: Am I guaranteed that the pharmacy partner that I selected will be the one to provide the vaccine?

A: No. Ultimately the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will assign the pharmacy that will distribute the vaccine. We anticipate we will soon be receiving a finalized list of matched facilities. It is unclear at this time if the CDC will allow this to be done by existing relationships or if it will be done by location given the storage sensitivity of the product. As more information becomes available, we will keep you posted.

Q: Can I change my pharmacy partner after the registration deadline of 11.6.2020?

A: After the form closes, no changes can be made via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) or the online form. The facility will have to coordinate directly with the pharmacy provider selected regarding vaccination supply and services or contact the CDC Pharmacy Partnership Team at eocevent494@cdc.gov.

Q: Do I need to stock up on supplies to give the vaccine now that I am signed up?

A: An ancillary supply kit will be included with the vaccine. Each kit will include: syringe, needle (appropriate for population), alcohol prep pad, COVID-19 vaccination record card for each recipient. The kit will also include limited supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE), including surgical masks and face shields for vaccinators. NOT included in the kit will be sharps containers, gloves and bandages, but your CP vaccine coordinator will bring a small supply of these items to vaccine clinics.

Q: When will we get clinical information on the vaccine, such as efficacy, side effects, contraindications, etc.?

A: Pfizer and BioNTech's investigational vaccine showed successful preliminary data from phase 1 and 2 studies in July. Recent results of an interim analysis from the phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial showed an efficacy rate above 90% at 7 days after the second dose, meaning that protection is achieved 28 days after initiation of the 2-dose vaccination schedule. This is very encouraging!

Local adverse events in phase 1 and 2 trials included injection-site pain, redness and swelling. In the ongoing phase 3 trial, the manufacturer has reported mostly mild to moderate adverse reactions (fatigue and headache have been the most common).

More information on safety and efficacy is expected in the upcoming weeks as the vaccine trial continues through the final analysis.

QUICK GLIMPSE: LOGISTICS ABOUT THE CLINIC

- Three Separate COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be held onsite at your facility.
- Each clinic will be 21 or 28 days apart (pending vaccine).
- These will be scheduled as quickly as possible once we are aware of our initial vaccine allocation and mandated order of facilities.
- We will be in communication overdrive so be ready.

ON THE DAY OF THE CLINIC

- CP Vaccine Team will arrive approximately 1 hour prior to scheduled start time
- Supplies for vaccinations will be provided by Community Pharmacy
 - Face Shields
 - Alcohol Prep Pads
 - Surgical Masks
 - COVID19 Vaccine Record Cards
 - Syringes
 - Needles
 - Vaccine
 - Completed Consent Forms
- Facility will need to supply staging/staff vaccination area with table/counter tops (conference room, activity room, dining area, foyer, etc.)
- CP Vaccine Team to organize PPE, vaccine supplies, completed consent forms, and vaccine
- CP Vaccine Team and designated facility staff will meet and go over final details of clinic

RESIDENT VACCINATIONS

- Vaccination Teams will travel room to room, completing vaccination paperwork and administering vaccine
- Rolling carts (supplied by facility) will be necessary to transport vaccination supplies around the building

STAFF VACCINATIONS

- Pending the number of vaccinators present at clinic, staff vaccinations will be held during the resident vaccination clinics rather than after
- Staff vaccinations will take place at the staging/staff vaccination area

RECOMMENDED Aggressively Cautious Vaccination Plan for STAFF

Clinic 1: Vaccinate ½ of facility staff. ½ of staff will be receiving dose #1

Clinic 2: Vaccinate all of facility staff. ½ will be receiving dose #2 and ½ will be receiving dose #1

Clinic 3: Vaccinate the ½ of staff who received dose #1 at Clinic 2. This staff will then receive dose #2