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Introduction



FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which is not an FDA -approved vaccine. The recipient or their caregiver has the option to accept or refuse the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Use of unapproved Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 under this EUA is limited to the following (all requirements must be met):

1. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is FDA approved for individuals 16 years of age and older, and is authorized for use in individuals 5-15 years of age.
2. The vaccination provider must communicate to the individual receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or their caregiver, information consistent with the “Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers” prior to the individual receiving Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
3. The vaccination provider must include vaccination information in the state/local jurisdiction’s Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system.
4. The vaccination provider is responsible for mandatory reporting of the following to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS):
 - vaccine administration errors whether or not associated with an adverse event,
 - serious adverse events* (irrespective of attribution to vaccination),
 - cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults and children, and
 - cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death.
 - Complete and submit reports to VAERS online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> or by calling 1-800-822-7967. The reports should include the words “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the description section of the report.
5. The vaccination provider is responsible for responding to FDA requests for information about vaccine administration errors, adverse events, cases of MIS in adults and children, and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech

*Please refer to Fact Sheet for more information on known adverse events

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech Fact Sheet For Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers). Revised December 2020. Retrieved from <https://selfservehosteu.pfizer.com/pfrrdownload/file/fid/77056>

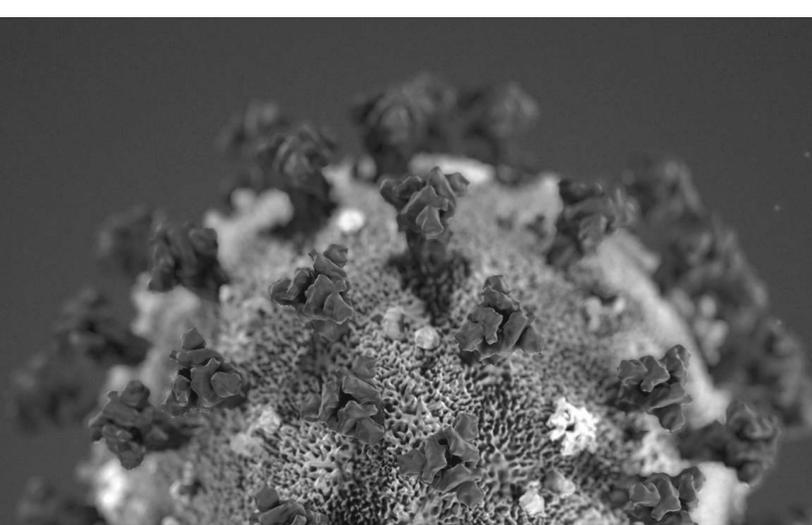
The recipient or their caregiver has the option to accept or refuse the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

The first section, Vaccine Safety and Administration Checklist, is an overview of the vaccination visit. You may use this as a starting point and refer to the respective section for each checklist item.

To access educational materials and Healthcare and Recipient Fact Sheets, please visit the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine website](#). We encourage you to visit their website frequently as these fact sheets may be updated frequently and will have the most up-to date information.

You can also refer to our division's Learning Management System, also known as [LMS:INvest](#), located on the CHIRP Dashboard, or check out our website at www.in.gov/isdh/17094.htm for the latest provider training materials. We will continue to update materials as changes or updates are made on the manufacturer's website.

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (2020). Fact Sheet For Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine. Retrieved from <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/images/pdf/fact-sheet-for-hcp-administering-vaccine-vaccination-providers-full-eua-prescribing-information.pdf#page=11>



Vaccine Safety and Administration Checklist



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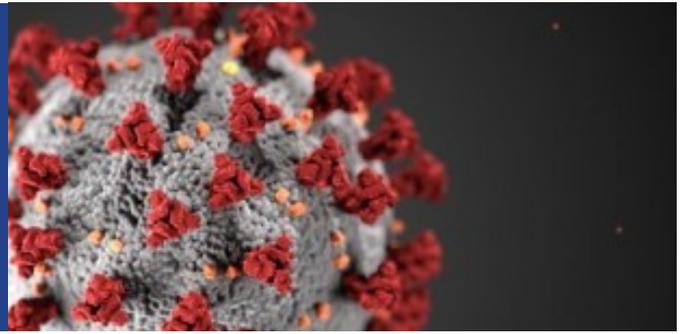
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Steps to Take Before Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. REGISTER/CHECK IN PATIENT ON ZOTEC

- Zotec is used to register patient's appointment and vaccination record documentation
- Patient search must be completed in Zotec prior to COVID-19 vaccine administration. The data will automatically be entered into CHIRP, our state immunization registry.
- Patient search in Zotec is critical for second dose patients to ensure the same COVID-19 vaccine product is used for the second dose. Please refer to the **Registering and Checking In the Patient** section or www.in.gov/isdh/28690.htm for more information.



2. PROVIDE RECIPIENT EUA FACT SHEET

- Required under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act
- Must be given prior to administration of each dose of the vaccine
- Must provide the most current version. Please check the manufacturer website for the most recent version. The Pfizer-BioNTech Provider and Recipient Fact Sheets can be found on www.cvdvaccine.com.
- This also serves as an opportunity to educate the patient and address any questions or concerns patients may have. Refer to the **Patient Education** section or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information.



3. SCREENING THE PATIENT

- The key to preventing the majority of serious adverse reactions is through patient screening
- Every person who administers the COVID-19 Vaccine should screen every patient for contraindications, previous allergies, and precautions prior to administering the vaccine dose
- The contraindications can be found on the Provider Fact Sheet. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine website is located at www.cvdvaccine.com.
- Refer to the **Screening the Patient** section for more guidance.



Steps to Take During Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. VACCINE PREPARATION

- Wear waterproof insulated gloves when removing vials from ultracold storage.
- Remove the number of vials needed as quickly as possible and return the tray to frozen storage. Do not expose to room temperature for more than 10 minutes before choosing a thawing option.
- Thaw vaccine at room temperature or from refrigeration.
- Refer to the **Preparing and Thawing the Vaccine** section for more information on thawing and room temperature exposure time restrictions or www.cvdvaccine.com.



2. DILUENT WITHDRAWAL

- Prior to dilution, please make sure that the vial is completely thawed.
- Use an alcohol swab to wipe off the top of the vial.
- Once diluted, vaccine must be used within 6 hours and stored between 2°C and 25°C (35.6°F to 77°F).
- Record the date and time of dilution on vaccine vial label, and discard any unused vaccine 6 hours after dilution
- Refer to the **Diluting the Vaccine** section or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information on supplies needed and instructions you must follow.



3. ADMINISTER INTRAMUSCULAR ROUTE

- Make sure staff are wearing appropriate PPE.
- Practice hand hygiene before administration, between patients, and when changing gloves (if worn), and any time your hands/gloves are soiled.
- Administer a single dose at first visit.
- Use appropriate gauge needle for body type (23-25 gauge).
- Administer intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle.
- Refer to the **Administering the Vaccine** section or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information.



Image source: Intramuscular Injection Sites. Healthline. Medically reviewed by Deborah Weatherspoon, Ph.D., R.N., CRNA. Written by Jacquelyn Cafasso. Updated on March 7, 2019. Retrieved from <https://www.healthline.com/health/intramuscular-injection>

Steps to Take After Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. WAIT 15 MIN. & PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATION RECORD CARD

- Discard all used materials in appropriate waste receptacles.
- Monitor your patient after the vaccination for 15 minutes in a designated area to monitor for potential vaccine reaction.
- Using the COVID-19 vaccination record card provided in the ancillary kit, please record the time and day for second-dose appointment.
- The second dose is administered 21 days later and it must be [Pfizer BioNTech](#) COVID-19 vaccine; it is not interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccines.
- Refer to the **Closing the Loop** section for more information.



2. CLOSING THE LOOP

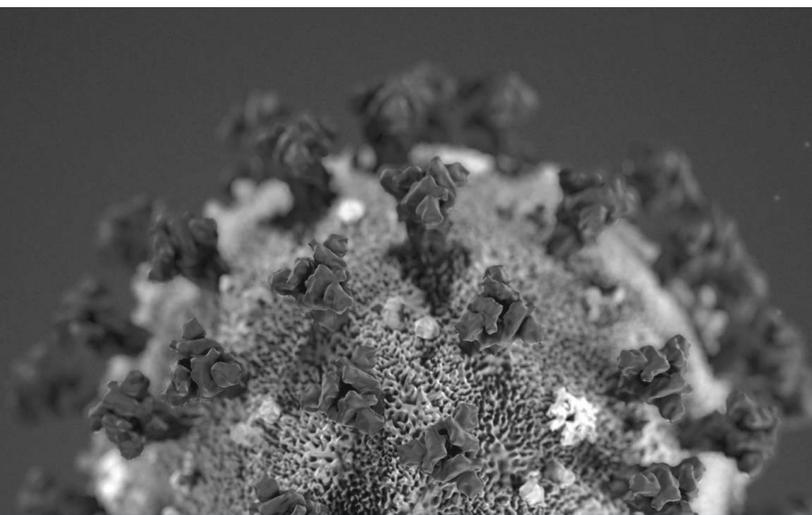
- [V-safe](#) is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 Vaccines. Facilities are required to provide information on the V-safe program to vaccinated individuals and counsel them on the importance of enrolling.
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) (www.vaers.hhs.gov) is an early warning system, co-managed by CDC and FDA, which monitors for potential vaccine safety problems; anyone can report possible vaccine side effects to VAERS. Click [here](#) for an informational video on VAERS.
- Refer to the **Closing the Loop** section for more information.



3. DOCUMENT VACCINATION IN ZOTEC

- Each COVID-19 dose administered must be entered into Zotec at the time of vaccination.
- Vaccinations must be reported within 24 hours of administration.
- Refer to the **Documenting the Vaccination Visit section** or www.in.gov/isdh/28690.htm for more guidance.





General Vaccine Safety Measures



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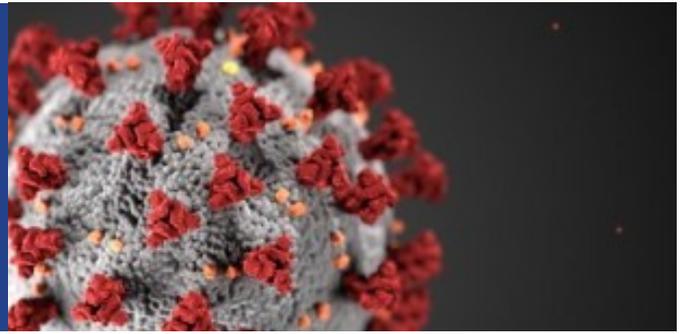
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Infection Control During the COVID-19 Pandemic



General Infection Control Measures for Healthcare Facilities

The general principles outlined for healthcare facilities should also be applied to alternative vaccination sites, with additional precautions for physical distancing that are particularly relevant for mass vaccination clinics, such as:



- **Providing specific appointment times** or other strategies to manage patient flow and avoid crowding



- **Ensuring sufficient staff and resources** to help move patients through the clinic flow as quickly as possible



- **Limiting the overall number of attendees** at any given time, particularly for populations at increased risk for [severe illness from COVID-19](#)



- **Setting up a unidirectional site flow** with signs, ropes, or other measures to direct site traffic and ensure physical distancing between patients



- When feasible, **arranging a separate vaccination area** or separate hours for persons at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults and persons with underlying medical conditions



- Making available a point of contact for any reasonable **accommodation needs for people with disabilities** and ensuring vaccination locations are accessible to individuals with disabilities consistent with the statutes the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Continued Infection Control Measures Before Vaccination

To help ensure the safe delivery of care during vaccination visits, providers should:



- **Take temperatures** Screen for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 and contact with persons with possible COVID-19 [prior to](#) and upon arrival at the facility and isolate symptomatic patients as soon as possible



- **Provide the correct personal protection equipment** for all staff (refer to pg.15)



- **Limit and monitor points of entry** to the facility and install barriers, such as clear plastic sneeze guards, to limit physical contact with patients at triage



- **Implement policies** for the use of a [cloth face covering](#) in persons over the age of 2 years (if tolerated)



- **Ensure adherence** to respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette, and [hand hygiene](#)

Continued Infection Control Measures During Vaccination

To help ensure the safe delivery of care during vaccination visits, providers should:



- **Ensure all staff adhere** to the following infection prevention and control procedures
- **Follow [Standard Precautions](#)**, which includes guidance for hand hygiene and cleaning the environment between patients



- **Wear a medical facemask** at all times

- **Use eye protection** based on level of [community transmission](#):



- * Moderate to substantial: Healthcare providers should wear eye protection given the increased likelihood of encountering asymptomatic COVID-19 patients such as goggles or face shields
- * Minimal to none: Universal eye protection is considered optional, unless otherwise indicated as a part of [Standard Precautions](#)



- **If gloves are worn during [intramuscular or subcutaneous vaccine administration](#)**, they should be changed between patients in addition to performing hand hygiene.

- **Ensure physical distancing** by implementing strategies, such as:



- * Separating sick from well patients by scheduling these visits during different times of the day placing patients with sick visits in different areas of the facility, or scheduling patients with sick visits in a different location from well visits (when available)
- * Reduce crowding in waiting areas by asking patients to remain outside or stay in their vehicles until they are called into the facility for their appointment
- * Utilize electronic communications as much as possible to minimize time in the office as well as reuse of materials (e.g., clipboards, pens)
- * Separation of at least 6 feet between patients and visitors, are maintained during all aspects of the visit by using physical barriers, signs, and floor markings

Source: CDC (October 2020). General Practices for the Safe Delivery of Vaccination Services. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html>

Vaccinating during COVID-19

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Immunization Division wants to ensure all providers are staying safe and keeping patients healthy, while continuing to vaccinate patients.

Below are **five (5) key standard precautionary measures** providers can take to safely vaccinate patients. These range from wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to hand hygiene.

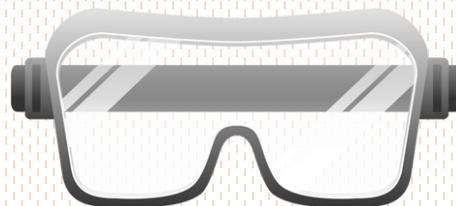
Take the necessary actions to protect you and your community!

Wear a medical facemask!



*N-95 is not required for intranasal or oral vaccines. But should be used if you suspect a patient has/been exposed to COVID-19.¹

Use secure eye protection!



*Goggles or a disposable face shield may be used.¹

Change gloves between patients!



*Wearing gloves is not a substitute for hand hygiene!
*Gloves should be utilized¹ when giving the following vaccinations:

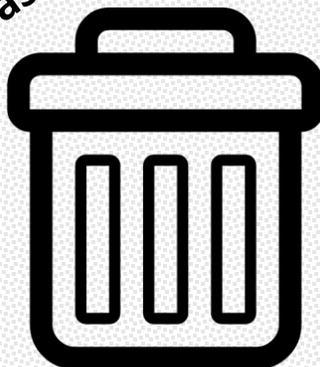
- Intranasal
- Oral

Practice hand hygiene!



*Wash your hands before and after patient contact.¹

Throw PPE waste in a trash can!



*Do not leave used or soiled PPE on surfaces. Directly dispose used and soiled PPE in the trash.²

REFERENCES:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. (2020, June 9). *Vaccination guidance during a pandemic: Interim guidance for immunization services during COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html>
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. (2020, May 3). *General business frequently asked questions*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html#:~:text=Discard%20PPE%20into%20a%20trash,needs%20any%20additional%20disinfection.>

Additional Resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. (2020, April 2). *When and how to wash your hands*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. (2020, June 5). *Healthcare infection prevention and control FAQs for COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-faq.html#asymptomatic>



Preventing Vaccination Injuries: Needle Safety



Needle safety is crucial. Needles and syringes should be sterile and disposable. A separate needle and syringe should be used for each injection. To prevent inadvertent needlesticks, safety mechanisms should be deployed after use, and needles discarded immediately in a labeled, puncture proof container. NEVER recap a needle.

Steps to Take Before Vaccination

- 1) Perform proper hand hygiene
- 2) Ensure vaccine has been stored within proper range; check expiration date
- 3) Double check vial, dosage, content prior to drawing up vaccine contents
- 4) Dilute with 21 gauge or smaller needle and draw up and administer with appropriate gauge needle
- 5) Remove any air bubbles in the syringe, for safety needle of appropriate size
- 6) Ensure the proper size needle/gauge is being used for injection
- 7) Maintain aseptic technique throughout, clean rubber stopper on vial if prior to piercing the seal
- 8) Identify landmarks for proper placement (deltoid, anterolateral thigh, etc.).
- 9) Educate patient on vaccine administration

Steps to Take During Vaccination

- 1) Ensure proper positioning of patient
- 2) Prep site with alcohol wipe, using a circular motion from the center to 2-3" circle, allow to dry
- 3) Control limb with non-dominant hand, hold needle 1" from the skin, insert quickly at 90 degree angle.
- 4) Inject with steady pressure for several seconds, withdraw needle at angle of insertion
- 5) Apply gentle pressure with gauze, bandaid, etc.

Steps to Take After Vaccination

- 1) Properly dispose of materials
 - Used needles should not be detached, recapped or cut before disposal
 - Immediately after use, all used syringe/needle devices should be placed in biohazard containers that are closable, puncture-resistant, leak proof on sides and bottom and labeled or color-coded
 - Empty or expired vaccine vials are considered medical waste and should be disposed of in appropriate containers

- 2) Fully document as directed noting the LOT number, date, manufacturer, etc.
- 3) Record vaccine administration into Zotec (Phase 1A) or Accenture.



Preventing Vaccination Injuries: Shoulder Dysfunction



Shoulder dysfunction is caused by injury to the musculoskeletal structures of the shoulder including tendons, ligaments, bursae, etc. after the administration of a vaccine. Known as SIRVA (Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration), this injury may induce shoulder pain and limit range of motion, weakness, and loss of function. In some cases, these issues may become chronic conditions for the patient. These symptoms are likely to occur because of unintentional injection of vaccine antigen, trauma from the injection, or in relation to the needle being inserted into the underlying bursa of the shoulder, resulting in an inflammatory reaction. Proper vaccination technique is key to prevent shoulder dysfunction.

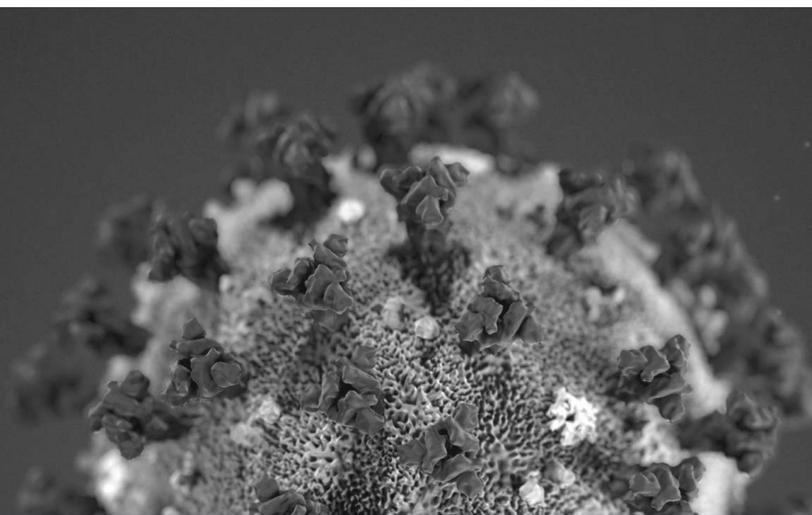
- **The Right Site:** Find the boney part of the shoulder (acromion process), move your finger down approximately 2" to the center of the deltoid, and administer the injection at a 90-degree-angle to the skin. It is best to be seated when giving a vaccine or be standing at the same level as the patient.
- Inflammatory issues may arise even if vaccine is administered correctly, however, proper technique will ensure this is not cause by the provider administering the vaccine.



Image source: Intramuscular Injection Sites. Healthline. Medically reviewed by Deborah Weatherspoon, Ph.D., R.N., CRNA. Written by Jacquelyn Cafasso. Updated on March 7, 2019. Retrieved from <https://www.healthline.com/health/intramuscular-injection>

Source: CDC. (2020). Preventing and managing adverse reactions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/adverse-reactions.html>

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Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)



Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) Overview

VAERS serves as the nation's early warning system to detect possible safety issues with U.S. vaccines. VAERS traditionally had provided initial data on the safety profile of new vaccines when they are introduced for use in the population.

Creation of VAERS

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 requires health care personnel and vaccine manufacturers to report to VAERS specific adverse events that occur after vaccination. The reporting requirements are different for manufacturers and health care personnel. Manufacturers are required to report all adverse events that occur after vaccination to VAERS, whereas health-care providers are required to report events that appear in the reportable events table on the VAERS website.

In addition to the mandated reporting of events listed on the reportable events table, health care personnel should report to VAERS all events listed in product inserts as contraindications, as well as all clinically significant adverse events, even if they are uncertain that the adverse event is related causally to vaccination.

General information on VAERS is available at this [website](#). Specific information for healthcare providers is available [here](#). You can also watch an informational video about VAERS on CDC's YouTube Channel [here](#). Reporting to VAERS is fully electronic and can be done using an online reporting tool or a writable PDF; instructions are available at this website.

Purpose of VAERS

The purpose of VAERS is to detect new, unusual, or rare adverse events that happen after vaccination. VAERS is used to monitor for increases in known side effects, identify potential patients risk factors for particular types of health problems related to vaccines, assess the safety of newly licenses vaccines, and detect unexpected or unusual patterns in adverse event reports.

Source: CDC. (2020). Reporting to the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS). Retrieved from <https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/SHVA/40020.asp>

When to Use VAERS

Per the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement, COVID-19 vaccination providers are required to report adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination and should report clinically important adverse events even if they are not sure if the vaccination caused the event.

For the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinically important adverse events are defined as symptoms that resulted in the vaccine recipient :	Healthcare providers are also required to report any of the following in VAERS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing work • Being unable to perform normal daily activities • Getting care from a doctor or other health professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine administration errors (whether associated with an adverse event or not) • Serious Adverse Events (irrespective of attribution to vaccination like death, vasovagal syncope, asphyxiation, hospitalization) • Multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) in children (if vaccine is authorized for use in children) or adults • Cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death after the recipient has received COVID-19 vaccine

In addition, you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

Website	Fax Number	Telephone Number
www.pfizersafetyreporting.com	866-635-8337	800-438-1985

Source: CDC. (2020). Reporting to the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS). Retrieved from <https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/SHVA/40020.asp>

How to Report in VAERS

Option 1: Submit a VAERS Report Online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/esub/index.jsp>

The online VAERS Report must be completed and submitted in the same session; it cannot be saved and edited at a later time.

Option 2: Download a Writable PDF Form and Upload at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/uploadFile/index.jsp>

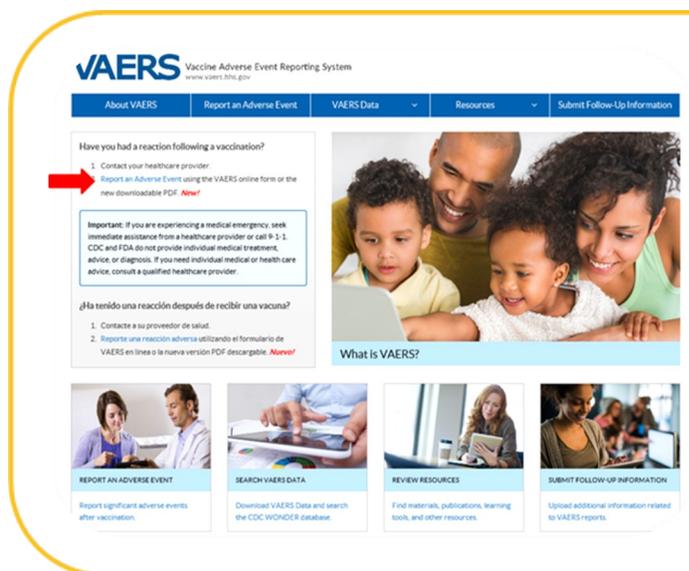
The writable PDF form can be downloaded and completed electronically on your own time. When ready, return the VAERS Writable PDF web page and follow instructions to upload the form.

For assistance email info@VAERS.org or call 1-800-822-7967.

Information Needed to File a Report in VAERS

- Patient information (age, date of birth, sex)
- Vaccine information (brand name, dosage)
- Date, time, and location administered
- Date and time when adverse event started
- Symptoms and outcome of the adverse event(s)
- Medical tests and laboratory results (if applicable)
- Physicians Contact information (if applicable)

Note: VAERS will still accept a report even if you cannot provide all requested information.



Source: CDC. (2020). Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html>

V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

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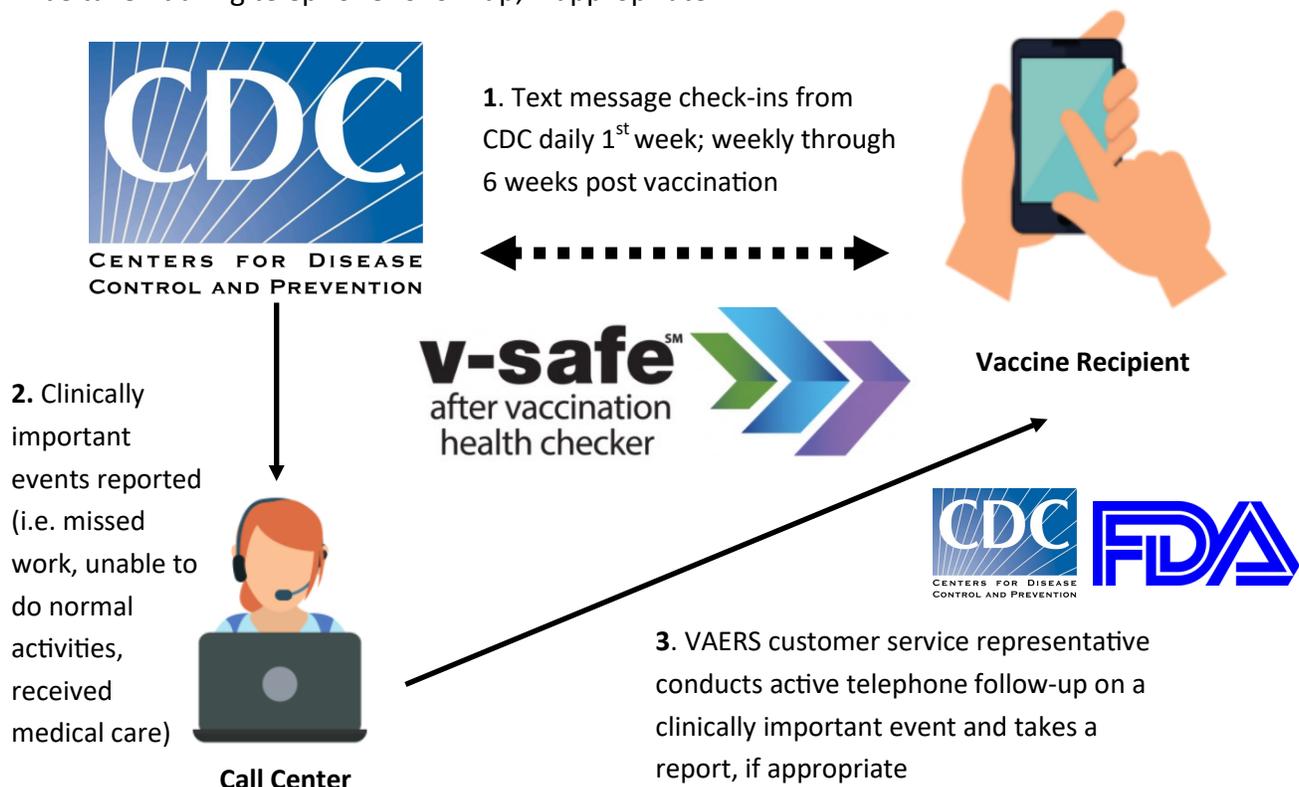
after vaccination health checker



V-safe Overview

The [V-safe Monitoring System](#) is a smart phone-based system that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after a patient receives a COVID-19 vaccination. The V-safe monitoring system will be used to monitor potential adverse reactions in healthcare worker and essential workers.

The system uses contact information supplied in the registration process for COVID-19 vaccination of essential workers to conduct health checks via text and email. In the first week following vaccination, vaccine recipient will receive a check-in daily. After the first week, recipients will receive a check-in on a weekly basis for 6 weeks post vaccination. Active telephone follow-up will be conducted with a person reporting a clinically significant adverse event during any V-safe health check. A VAERS report will be taken during telephone follow-up, if appropriate.



Source: CDC. (2020). V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

Purpose of V-safe

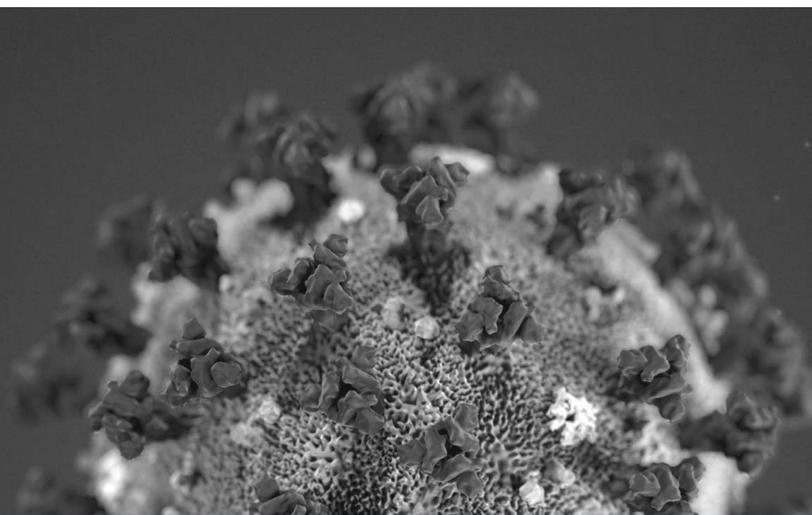
V-safe will enhance the monitoring capabilities of VAERS. Smartphone-based monitoring of early COVID-19 vaccine recipients will allow the estimation of rates of local and systemic adverse events, as well as, rates of clinically important adverse events following immunization. The V-safe system will also allow for the comparison of observed rates of adverse events, with known rates following other types of vaccinations such as the seasonal flu vaccine.

What to Give to Recipients

Provide patients with the V-safe information sheet, this sheet provides instructions on how to register and use V-safe. Patients will need a smartphone to participate in V-safe. They will also the information about the vaccine they received, this can be found on their vaccination record card that is given after receiving the vaccine.

Please refer to the Appendix: Patient Education Packet for the V-safe Information Sheet.

Source: CDC. (2020). V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>



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Gaining User Access to Zotec (for Facilities)

What is ZOTEC?

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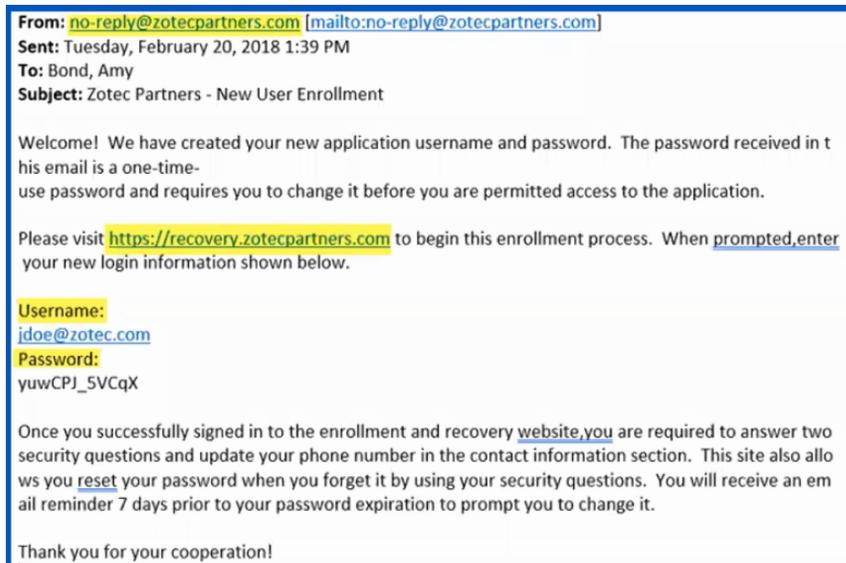
Questions? Please Contact our IDOH Help Desk Portal (<https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/C19VaxHelpDeskCustomer>)



Tip: Do not use Internet Explorer. Please use Chrome or Firefox.

User Access for Facilities

1. You will receive an email from [No-reply@zotecpartners.com](mailto:no-reply@zotecpartners.com) with the subject line New User Enrollment.



2. Use the credentials received via email. You will be able to change the temporary password after logging in.
3. Please begin the enrollment process at <https://recovery.zotecpartners.com>



Welcome to our Self-Service User Account Management System

First Time Users - Please sign in using the credentials received via email. You will then be able to change your temporary password and complete the enrollment.

[Enrollment Documentation](#)

Returning Users - If your current password will expire soon or has already, sign in using your credentials and update as required.

[Password Reset Documentation](#)

* Enrolled User Self-Service *



Reset Password

Reset your forgotten password



Unlock Account

Unlock your locked out account

- For First Time and Existing Users -

Sign in

User Name:

Password:

Login



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Registering and Checking In Patients in Zotec

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Registering Patients

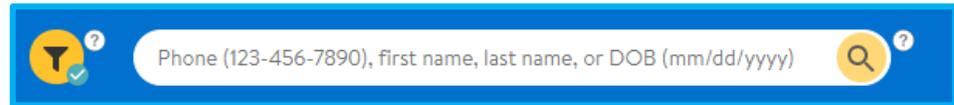
1. Login on <https://checkin.coronavirus.in.gov> using your credentials. If you do not have user access to Zotec, please refer to the **Gaining Access to Zotec (for Facilities)** Quick Reference Guide.
2. Once you have logged in you will need to confirm your location and current date is correct. If the location is incorrect you can change the location by clicking on the icon  shown below.

The screenshot shows the main interface of the Zotec application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a menu icon, the date and time "Monday, Dec 07, 2020 8:23 AM", and a "Date" field. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with a "Schedule Appointment" button. The main content area features a table with columns for Time, First Name, Last Name, DOB, Service, Appointment type, and Status. A "Facility" dropdown menu is visible above the table, currently set to "DEMO LOCATION 1".

Time	First Name	Last Name	DOB	Service	Appointment type	Status
9:00 AM	Test	Test	12/12/1990	Immunizations	COVID VACCINE	Checked In
9:00 AM	John	Test	01/01/1990	Immunizations	COVID VACCINE	Unregistered

The screenshot shows the "Check-In App" interface. It features a "Location" dropdown menu currently set to "DEMO LOCATION 1". Below the location dropdown, the user's name "Kruse, Kaitlin" and title "Client Administrator" are displayed. A "Logout" button is located at the bottom of the app interface.

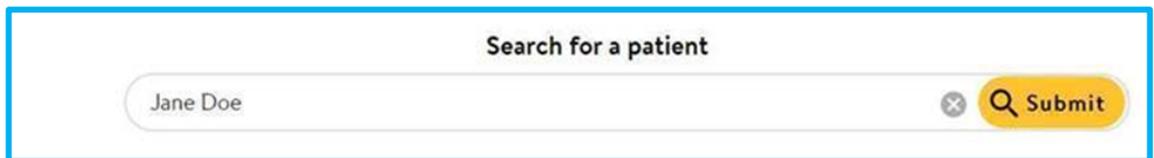
3. Start by searching for the patient on the main screen or typing in their first and last name in the search bar. (If the patient has already started the registration process please go to Step 12)



4. If you cannot find the patient, you can create a new patient by clicking the yellow **Scheduling Appointment** button on the upper right-hand corner.



5. Enter the patient's first and last name and click the **Submit** button.



6. Click the **Continue as New** button on the bottom of the page.



7. Select **Immunization** as the type of appointment.



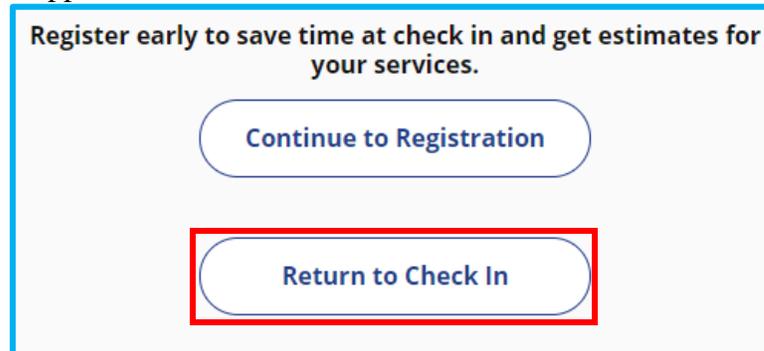
8. Select the date and time the vaccination visit will occur. If there are no time slots available check the **Allow Overbooking** box.



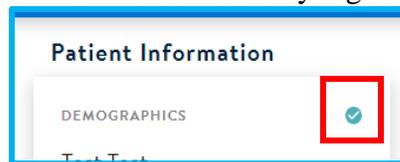
9. The next page will ask for recipient information (First name, last name, date of birth, sex, contact information) **For residents, please enter your facility email and phone number.**
10. After you have verified that all the information is correct, click **Confirm Appointment.**

Checking In Patients

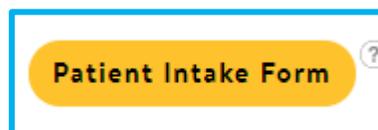
11. Once the appointment is confirmed: Select **Return to Check In**



12. You will be redirected to the main screen main screen where you should see the patient listed next to their time lot. Select that patient and **EDIT the demographic areas until you have a green check mark** to successfully register a patient for testing.



13. Make sure you edit each section on the main screen
 - a. Demographics
 - b. Additional Demographics
 - c. Fill out the insurance information so the facility can bill insurance for the administration. (The patient will not be charged for this visit)
 - d. Consents - choose **Collect Manually** and enter patient name & relationship to Patient. (If the Patient is under 18 then you will have to have parental consent and can change the drop down to Parent).
14. You will also need to complete the **Patient Intake Form** before you can check the patient in and select **Return to Appointment** when complete.
 - Intake Demographics
 - Health Habits

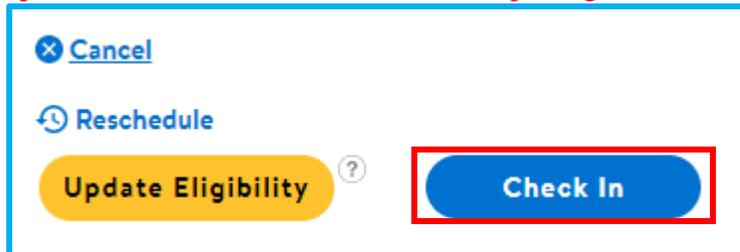


15. The last thing to complete is to **Update Eligibility**. **You will choose 317 for all patients receiving a dose for phase 1A.**



The screenshot shows a form titled "Patient IIS Eligibility". It contains two radio button options. The top option is "Ineligible (V01)" and is currently selected, indicated by a dotted border. The bottom option is "317 Eligible (V23)" and is highlighted with a blue background and a red border, indicating it is the correct selection for phase 1A.

16. Once you have completed all the sections and received all green check marks the **Check In** button will be able to be selected. **Make sure you verify all the demographic information is correct before completing the check-in.**



The screenshot shows a set of action buttons. From top to bottom: a blue "Cancel" button with a close icon, a blue "Reschedule" button with a clock icon, a yellow "Update Eligibility" button with a question mark icon, and a blue "Check In" button which is highlighted with a red border, indicating it is the next step.

Patient Education



To start patient education, please review the following pages with your patient and provide a print copy of the **Appendix: Patient Education Packet** located at the end of this toolkit or on our [website](#).

The Patient Education Packet includes:

- COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ for Patients
- Vaccine Finder Handout
- V-safe Information Sheet

During the **Closing the Loop Section**, you will find additional information and review the contents of the **Patient Education Packet**.

Emergency Use Authorization

An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is a mechanism to facilitate the availability and use of medical countermeasures, including vaccines, during public health emergencies, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. Under an EUA, FDA may allow the use of unapproved medical products, or unapproved uses of approved medical products in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions when certain statutory criteria have been met, including that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives. Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for use in individuals 5-15 years of age. The emergency use of this product is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of the medical product under Section 564(b)(1) of the FD&C Act unless the declaration is terminated or authorization revoked sooner.

The FDA must ensure that recipients of the vaccine under an EUA are informed, to the extent practicable given the circumstances, that the FDA has authorized the emergency use of the vaccine, of the known and potential benefits and risks, the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown, that they have the option to accept or refuse the vaccine, and of any available alternatives to the product. This information is provided in [Pfizer's Fact Sheet For Recipients and Caregivers](#). Please refer to this [educational video](#) from FDA on "What is an EUA?".

Source: FDA. (2020). Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained. Retrieved from <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/emergency-use-authorization-vaccines-explained>

Source: HHS. (2020). Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed. Retrieved from <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/>

Importance of Patient Education

COVID-19 vaccines will be an important tool to help stop this pandemic. Willingness to accept the COVID-19 falls on a continuum. Many people will fall in the middle of the spectrum with a wait-and-see approach. A strong recommendation from a healthcare provider is one of the most important factors in determining whether or not someone gets vaccinated. Build patient trust by sharing clear, complete, and accurate messages about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Information to Provide to Vaccine Recipients

As the vaccination providers, you must communicate to the vaccine recipient information consistent with the [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) prior to administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and provide the following:

- FDA has approved the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older.
- FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals ages 5-15.
- The recipient or their caregiver has the option to accept or refuse the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
- The significant known and potential risks and benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and the extent to which such risks and benefits are unknown.
- Information about available alternative vaccines and the risks and benefits of those alternatives.

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (2020). Clinical Trials. Retrieved from <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/clinical-trials>

Adverse Reactions or Side Effects

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site pain
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Fever
- Injection site swelling
- Injection site redness
- Nausea
- feeling unwell
- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)

There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

If your patient experiences a severe allergic reaction, please have them call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Please let them know they should call the vaccination provider or their healthcare provider if they have any side effects that bother them or do not go away.

Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

You can also refer your patient to the [Recipient Fact Sheet](#), where the side effects and this information is also available.

Most Common Side Effects from the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Included Pain at the Injection Site	71.1%
Fatigue	59.4%
Headache	51.7%
Muscle Pain	37.3%
Chills	35.1%
Joint Pain	21.9%
Fever	15.8%
Injection Site Swelling	7.5%
Injection Site Redness	7.2%

Clinical Trail Data

*Available data on [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) administered to pregnant women are insufficient to inform vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy

*Data are not available to assess the effects of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine on the breastfed infant or on milk production/excretion

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (2020). Fact Sheet For Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine. Retrieved from <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/images/pdf/fact-sheet-for-hcp-administering-vaccine-vaccination-providers-full-eua-prescribing-information.pdf#page=11>

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy



What is Vaccine Hesitancy?

Vaccine hesitancy is the reluctance or refusal to vaccinate despite the availability of vaccines. Many patients may feel reluctant about getting the COVID-19 Vaccine. Often this reluctance stems from lack of information or misinformation about the vaccine. As a healthcare provider, your recommendation plays a significant role in a patient's decision to vaccinate.

Resources

[CDC COVID-19 Communications Toolkit](#)

[Answering Patients' Questions](#)

[Emergency Use Authorization Explained](#)

[V-safe Monitoring System](#)

[Pfizer Factsheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

Building Vaccine Confidence

Start Conversations About the COVID-19 Vaccine Early	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Set expectations about vaccine availability.◆ The goal is that the vaccine will be available for everyone, however, not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away.
Give a Strong Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Patients rank healthcare providers as their most trusted source for vaccine information. Your strong recommendation is critical for vaccine acceptance.
Use Empathy and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Acknowledge the disruptions that COVID-19 has caused in all of our lives.
Listen and Respond to Patient Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Make it clear that you want to answer patients' questions so that they feel confident choosing to get vaccinated.◆ Address patients' concerns and answer questions in a way they can understand it.
Continue the Conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Just because a patient refuses the vaccine at one appointment does not mean they will refuse it at future appointments.◆ Encourage patients to read additional information that you give them about the COVID-19 Vaccine.◆ Continue to remind patients about the importance of getting a COVID-19 vaccine during future routine visits.

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ for Providers



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What is an EUA?

An Emergency Use Authorization is allowed in instances where a public health threat is identified and there is no approved or adequate existing products. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials and authorizes emergency vaccine use only when the expected benefits outweigh potential risks. For more information about EUAs visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGkwaESsGBQ>.

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Source: FDA. (2020). Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccine Explained. Retrieved from <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/emergency-use-authorization-vaccines-explained>

What is Operation Warp Speed?

Operation Warp Speed's goal is to make a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine widely available as soon as possible. In traditional vaccine development timelines, manufacturing steps are carried out in a sequential basis, however, with Operation Warp Speed manufacturing steps are carried out simultaneously. This increases the financial risk, but does not compromise the safety of the vaccine.

Source: HHS. (2020). Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed. Retrieved from <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/index.html>

Is natural immunity better than vaccine-induced immunity? Am I better off getting COVID-19 instead of getting the vaccine?

Natural immunity comes from fighting off a virus, however, COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect a person. There are potential serious long-term health issues after recovering from COVID-19. It is not known whether getting COVID-19 protects you from getting the virus again in the future, or how long natural immunity lasts. Additionally, when you become infected with the virus, you risk transmitting it to the people around you.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

Can I stop wearing a mask/social distancing after I get the vaccine?

While the vaccine greatly reducing your risk of contracting COVID-19, it is not a perfect fix, you will still need to practice precautions like wearing a mask, social distancing, and other hygiene measures until public health experts say otherwise.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

Could the vaccine cause long term side effects or other problems that we do not know about yet?

The FDA and CDC are continuing to monitor the safety of the vaccine, to identify any possible long-term side effects. The ACIP will take action to address any safety issues that are identified. When you receive the vaccine, you will be provided with resources to report any adverse reaction to the vaccine.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

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Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

What is mRNA?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is an mRNA vaccine. mRNA vaccines are not made up of the actual pathogen, they are made up of genetic information and not parts of the virus. The mRNA must be taken up into the body's cells, and the cells are then able to produce the protein that stimulates the immune response. mRNA vaccines train the body to identify and attack the coronavirus protein. Receiving an mRNA vaccine will not affect your DNA.

Source: HHS. (2020). Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed. Retrieved from <https://www.acsh.org/news/2020/10/21/how-pfizers-rna-vaccine-works-15104>

Will the vaccine make you sick?

The vaccine cannot give someone COVID-19 because it does not contain the live virus. Side effects can occur with any vaccine, as they are a sign that the immune system is working to build up protection against a virus. Symptoms from the vaccine typically resolve within a week, but patients should know when to seek medical care if their symptoms do not go away.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

Is the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine safe?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) carefully review all safety data from clinical trials before authorizing emergency vaccine and recommend the vaccine for use only when the expected benefits outweigh potential risks. The FDA and CDC will continue to monitor the safety of these vaccine. There is a reporting system in place to identify any possible side effects or adverse events.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

What is the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System? What is the V-safe Monitoring System?

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is a national monitoring system that tracks instances of vaccine adverse events. Healthcare personal and vaccine manufacturers are required to report adverse events that occur after vaccination in VAERS. V-safe is a new smartphone-based health monitoring system for people who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. V-safe uses text messaging and web surveys to provide daily health check-ins with COVID-19 vaccine recipients and will provide telephone follow up to anyone who reports medically important adverse events. A VAERS report will be taken during telephone follow up, if appropriate.

Source: CDC. (2020). Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>



Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

How is the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine administered?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered intramuscularly in a series of two injections, with a waiting period of 21 days between the injections. After administration, the person receiving the vaccine will be monitored for 15 minutes by vaccination staff.

Source: CDC. (2020). Answering Patients' Questions. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/answering-questions.html>

What are the ingredients in the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine includes the following ingredients: mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3- phosphocholine, and cholesterol), potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, and sucrose.

Source: Pfizer. (2020). Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers. Retrieved from <https://selfservehosteu.pfizer.com/pfrrdownload/file/fid/77051>

What are the potential risks and side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech-19 COVID-19 Vaccine?

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

Injection site pain, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, fever, injection site swelling, injection site redness, nausea, feeling unwell, swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy).

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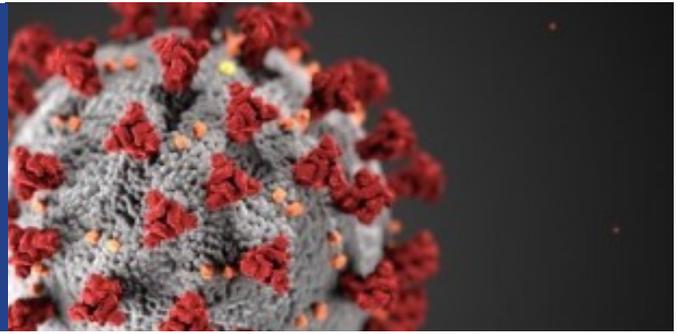
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Screening the Patient



As mentioned in the **Patient Education (Information to Provide to Vaccine Recipients)** section, providers must give patients a print copy of the [Recipient Fact Sheet](#). Please review the information below. This information is also located on the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Fact Sheet](#).

Reviewing Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Contraindications

Do not administer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with a known history of severe allergic reaction (e.g. Anaphylaxis) to any component of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Reviewing the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Ingredients

mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3- phosphocholine, and cholesterol), potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, and sucrose.

Reviewing Warnings

Management of Acute Allergic Reactions	Appropriate medical treatment used to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
Altered Immunocompetence	Immunocompromised persons, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, may have a diminished immune response to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
Limitation of Effectiveness	The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients

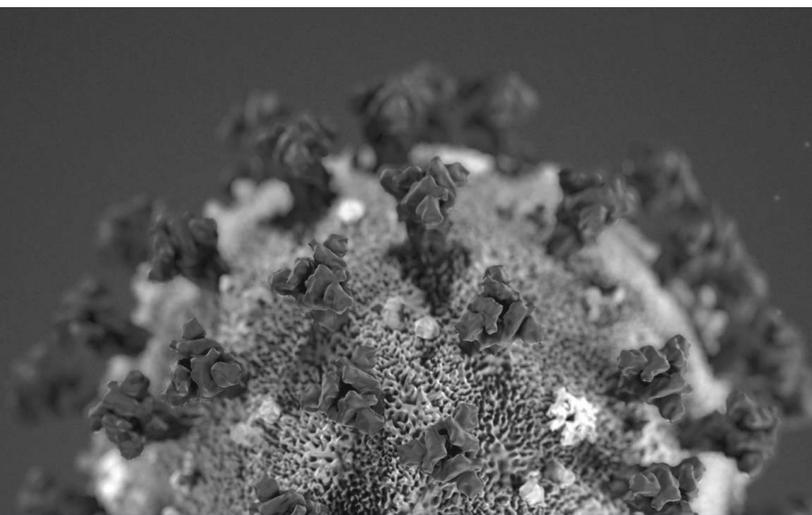
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Review Important Safety Information

- Do not administer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with known history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- Appropriate medical treatment used to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- Immunocompromised persons, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, may have a diminished immune response to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients
- Severe allergic reactions have been reported following the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials. Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- Available data on Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine administered to pregnant women are insufficient to inform vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy
- Data are not available to assess the effects of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine on the breastfed infant or on milk production/excretion
- There are no data available on the interchangeability of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines to complete the vaccination series. Individuals who have received one dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine should receive a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to complete the vaccination series
- Vaccination providers must report Adverse Events in accordance with the Fact Sheet to VAERS at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> or by calling 1-800-822-7967. The reports should include the words “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the description section of the report
- Vaccination providers should review the Fact Sheet for mandatory requirements and Information to Provide to Vaccine Recipients/Caregivers and the Full EUA Prescribing Information for Requirements and Instructions for Reporting Adverse Events and Vaccine Administration Errors
- Please see Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers), including Full EUA Prescribing Information available at www.cvdvaccine.com

You may find a copy of all of this on the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Dosing and Administration website](#).

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Dosing and Administration. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/dosing-and-administration>



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Preparing and Thawing the Vaccine



Ancillary Kits

Ancillary kits will come with COVID-19 orders and will automatically match the amounts of vaccine orders. Supplies will be packaged in kits and will be automatically ordered in amounts to match vaccine orders in VTrckS. For centrally distributed vaccines, each kit will contain supplies to administer 975 doses of vaccine. Please refer to the list on the right. Please refer to the [Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products](#) for more information on ancillary kit contents.

Ancillary supply kits will not include sharps containers, gloves, and bandages. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) may be needed depending on vaccination provider site needs. Facilities ordering outside of their jurisdiction's allocation (i.e., commercial and federal entities with federal MOUs in place) will order directly from CDC, and CDC will be responsible for approval of those orders.

COVID-19 Ancillary Kits Include:

- Needles (various sizes for the population served)
- Syringes
- Alcohol prep pads
- Surgical masks and face shields for vaccinators
- COVID-19 vaccination record cards for vaccine recipients
- 2mL Diluent

Source: CDC. (2020). Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit with Addendum added November 20, 2020 Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf>

Supplies Needed

- 1 Vial 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection (at least 2mL)
- 1 diluent syringe/needle (3mL or 5mL syringe/21G needle)
- 5 dosing syringes/needles (1mL syringe/IM injection needle)
- Other materials such as alcohol swabs, gloves, PPE

All of these supplies will be included in the Pfizer Vaccination kit and will support 975 doses of vaccines with some overage. This combined kit will include administration supplies (as noted above), mixing supplies, and vials of diluent to prepare the vaccine for use. Because it contains diluent, providers will not have the option to opt out of requesting this combined ancillary kit.

Please refer to the [Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products](#) for possible ancillary kits for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Examples include:

Needle and Syringe Sizes for Pfizer Mega Adult Ancillary Kits	
Product	Quantity
Needle (22–25G x 1")	829
Needle (22–25G x 1.5")	200
Needle, Mixing (21-25G x 1.5")	205
Syringe (1mL)	1,024
Syringe, Mixing (3mL or 5mL)	205
Alcohol Pad (sterile, individually sealed)	2,458
Vaccination Record Card	1,000
Needle Gauge and Length Chart	10
Face Shield	20
Surgical Mask	40
Diluent	200

Source: CDC (December 4, 2020). Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products. https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Product%20information%20guide_12.04.20_CLEAN.pdf

Room Temperature Exposure Restrictions During Vaccine Thawing

When you are ready to thaw or use the vaccine please keep the following room temperature restrictions in mind:

1. Open-lid vial trays, or vial trays containing less than 195 vials removed from frozen storage (<-60°C) may be at room temperature (<25°C) for up to **three (3) minutes**.
2. After vial trays are returned to frozen storage following room temperature exposure, they must remain in frozen storage for at **least two (2) hours** before they can be removed again
3. Once an individual vial is removed from a vial tray at room temperature, it should not be returned to frozen storage and should be thawed for use
4. No more than 2 hours at room temperature (up to 25°C/77°F)

Thawing the Vaccine Options

The amount of time needed for thawing will vary depending on when you need the vaccine. Refer to the table and diagram below to determine how the vaccine should thaw. The vaccine should be completely thawed before moving onto dilution.

For more information related to thawing please visit the [Pfizer-BioNTech Dosing and Administration website](#).

Option 1: For Later Use	Option 2: For Immediate Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer frozen vials immediately to refrigerator, and thaw for 3 hours at 2°C to 8°C (35.6° to 46.4°F)• Vials may be stored up to five (5) days in refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C .• An entire tray will take about 3 hours to thaw; a smaller number of vials may thaw more quickly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vials needed for immediate can be thawed at room temperature (30 minutes); Vials thawed at room temperature must be diluted within two (2) hours• Vials thawed at room temperature form condensation on the outside of the vial, so thawing in a secondary container is recommended.

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Dosing and Administration. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/dosing-and-administration>

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech (December 2020). Video Chapter 1: Storage and Handling. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/product-storage-and-dry-ice>

Diluting the Vaccine



What is Diluent?

A diluent, often a liquid, is added to a vaccine to reconstitute lyophilized vaccine before administration. A diluent may be a normal saline product or may contain an adjuvant for vaccine effectiveness. Always follow the COVID-19 vaccine manufacturer's guidance for proper use of the diluent. A diluent is not interchangeable and can only be used with the product for which they are provided.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Diluent

Please make sure vaccine is completely thawed before diluting. The contents of the vial must be diluted with sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP to form the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. The dosage and amounts of diluent for the pediatric and adolescent formulations vary. Please see the chart on the following page for dosage information.

0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP is not packaged with the vaccine and must be sourced separately. This is included in the ancillary kit. Please see the **Ancillary Kit section** for more information. Do not use bacteriostatic 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection or any other diluent. Please see the [Q&A section](#) for more information on dose preparation.

Throughout dilution, please follow strict adherence to aseptic techniques.

For more information related to dilution and dose preparation please visit the [Pfizer-BioNTech Dosing and Administration website](#).

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Dosing and Administration. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/dosing-and-administration>

Diluting the Vaccine



Three vaccine presentations are now available with different preparation guidelines.

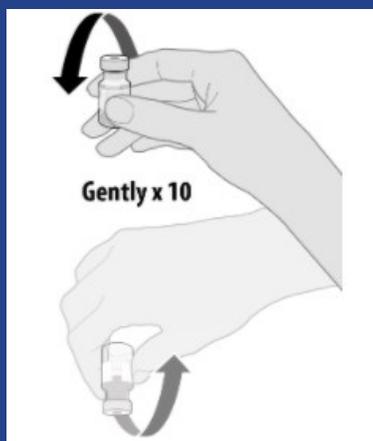
Description	Dilute Before Use	Do Not Dilute	Dilute Before Use
Age Group	12 years and older	12 years and older	5 through 11 years of age
Vial Cap Color	Purple 	Gray 	Orange 
Dose	30 mcg	30 mcg	10 mcg
Dose Volume	0.3 mL	0.3 mL	0.2 mL
Amount of Diluent	1.8 mL	No Dilution	1.3mL
Doses per Vial	6 doses per vial (after dilution)	6 doses per vial	6 doses per vial (after dilution)

Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Dosing and Administration. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/dosing-and-administration>

Dilution Steps to Take

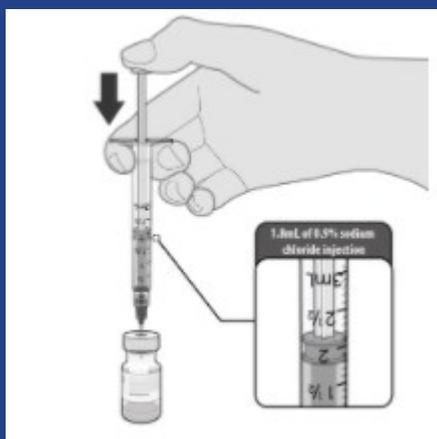
For more information related to dilution and dose preparation please visit the [Pfizer-BioNTech Dosing and Administration website](#).

Invert



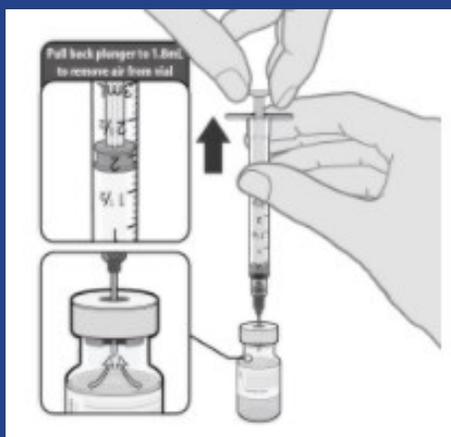
- Before dilution invert vaccine vial gently 10 times
- Do not shake
- Inspect the liquid in the vial prior to dilution. The liquid is a white to off-white suspension and may contain white to off-white opaque amorphous particles
- Do not use if liquid is discolored or if other particles are observed

Dilute



- Obtain sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. Use only this as the diluent
- Using aseptic technique, withdraw the diluent into a transfer syringe (21-gauge or narrower needle)
- Cleanse the vaccine vial stopper with a single-use antiseptic swab
- Add 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP into the vaccine vial

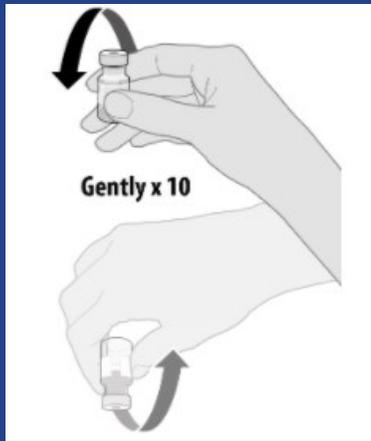
Equalize



- Equalize vial pressure before removing the needle from the vial by withdrawing 1.8 mL of air into the empty diluent syringe

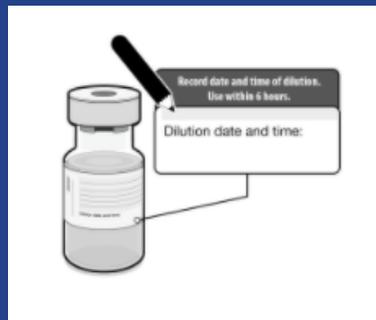
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Invert



- Gently invert the vial containing the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 10 times to mix
- Do not shake
- Inspect the vaccine in the vial
- The vaccine will be an off-white suspension. Do not use if vaccine is discolored or contains particulate matter.

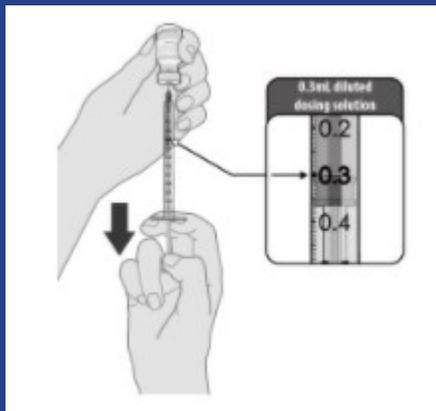
Record and Store



- Record the date and time of dilution on the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine vial label
- Store between 2°C to 25°C (35°F to 77°F)
- Discard any unused vaccine 6 hours after dilution

Preparation of Individual 0.3 mL Doses of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Cleanse



- Using aseptic technique, cleanse the vial stopper with a single-use antiseptic swab, and withdraw the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
- Administer immediately.

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Administering the Vaccine



Choosing the Correct Needle Gauge and Length

At the point of vaccination, you will determine the appropriate needle gauge and length depending on the size of your patient's arm. Please refer to the [Needle Gauge and Length Chart](#) for further reference.

Administering Intramuscular (IM) Route

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine via the IM route. Please refer to the image below to administer the vaccine. You may also refer to the **Preventing Shoulder Dysfunction section** for more information. **Please follow aseptic technique throughout administration.**

[If you are new to vaccine administration via the IM Route please refer to this source by the www.immunize.org.](http://www.immunize.org)

You may also refer to [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) for more resources on how to administer vaccines or our [website](#) for vaccine administration resources and refreshers.

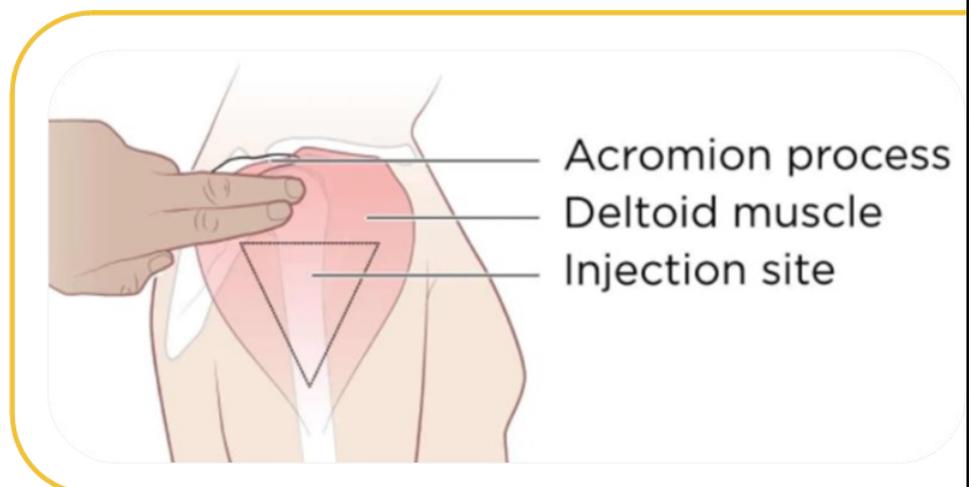
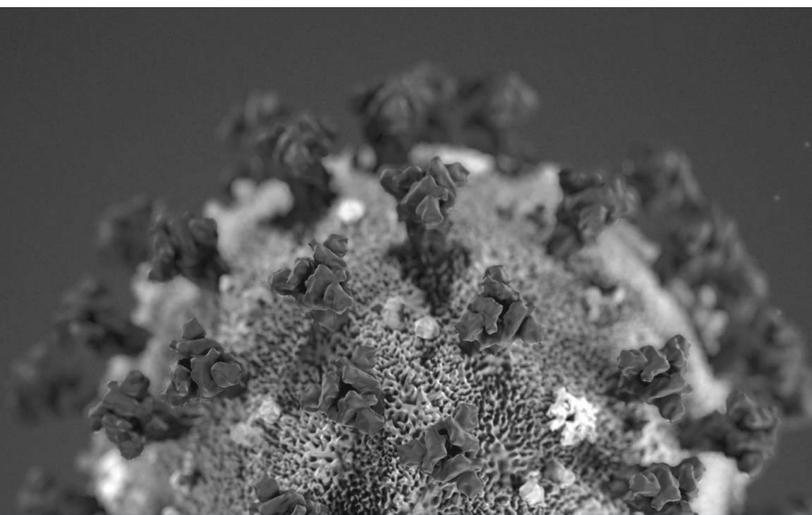


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Closing the Loop



To close the loop, please review the following pages with your patient and provide a print copy of the **Appendix: Patient Education Packet** located at the end of this toolkit or on our [website](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

The ancillary supply administration kit will include the vaccination record cards. You can find more information about what is included in the ancillary kit on the [Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products](#).

The COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card will be given to patients after their first dose is administered. The vaccination record card will contain the following information:

- Last Name, First Name, MI, DOB
- Patient IIS Number
- Manufacturer, Lot Number
- Date 1st Dose Administered, Date 2nd Dose Administered
- Healthcare Professional or Facility where doses were administered



The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a series of 2 doses three weeks apart (21 days). The first and second dose are 30mcg (0.3 mL) administered intramuscularly. **The back of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card will serve as a written reminder for patients for their second dose.** Please encourage patients to also set a reminder in their smartphone or tablet, in case they lose their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. They must bring the card to their second dose visit. The reminder on the back is also available in Spanish.

The second dose must be Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine; it is not interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccines. Since the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is a two does series, [Vaccine Finder](#) will be useful for patients to locate where they can get their second dose. Please refer to the next page for more information.

Vaccine Finder

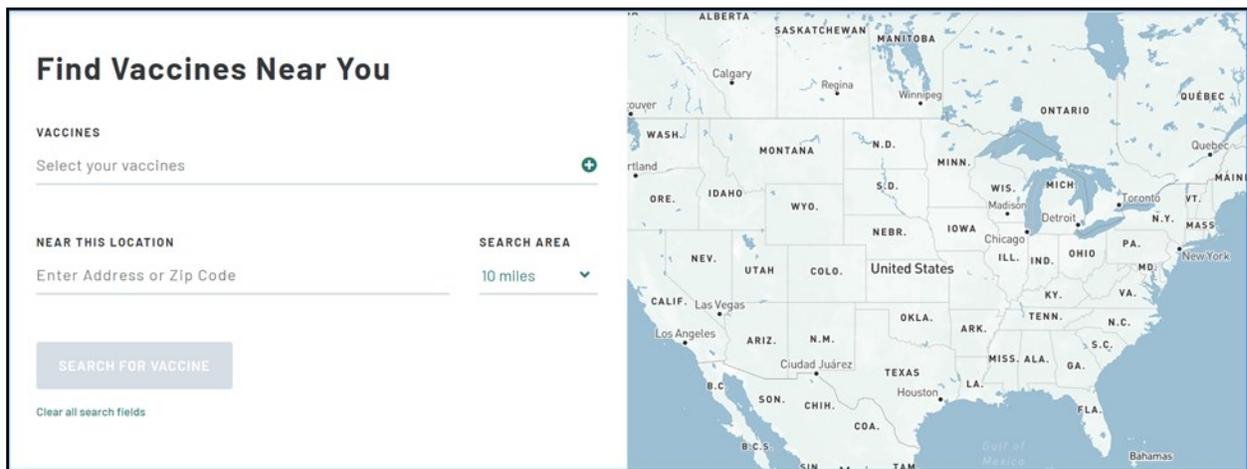
Vaccine Finder is an online database that uses geo-mapping to find healthcare providers in a given area that provide immunizations. The Vaccine Finder's data are sourced from the platform Locating Health. The goal of the Vaccine Finder is to simplify the process of finding and choosing a vaccine provider, therefore increasing vaccine coverage. By entering a zip code, individuals can find all the providers in their area that meet their vaccination needs. Since the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is a two does series, this will be useful for patients to locate where they can get their second dose.

How to Use Vaccine Finder:

1. Go to <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.



2. Click on "Find Vaccines" and you will be redirected to the following screen.



Please refer to the Appendix: Patient Education Packet for a print-out version you may give your patient.

Source: Vaccine Finder. (2020). COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Information. Retrieved from <https://vaccinefinder.org>

V-safe and VAERS

V-safe is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 Vaccines. Facilities are required to provide information on the V-safe program to vaccinated individuals and counsel them on the importance of enrolling. The system uses contact information supplied in the registration process for COVID-19 vaccination of essential workers to conduct health checks via text and email. You should counsel and encourage your patients to sign up for the V-safe Monitoring Program. A copy of the patient handout is located in the **Appendix: Patient Education Packet section**.

[Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov) (www.vaers.hhs.gov) is an early warning system, co-managed by CDC and FDA, which monitors for potential vaccine safety problems; anyone can report possible vaccine side effects to VAERS. Vaccination providers must report Adverse Events in accordance with the Fact Sheet to VAERS at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> or by calling [1-800-822-7967](tel:1-800-822-7967). The reports should include the words “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the description section of the report¹. In addition, you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

Website	Fax Number	Telephone Number
www.pfizersafetyreporting.com	866-635-8337	800-438-1985

Please refer to the **COVID-19 Vaccine Recipient Safety section** for more information on these two monitoring systems.

Known Side Effects and Steps You Can Take

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site pain
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Fever
- Injection site swelling
- Injection site redness
- Nausea
- feeling unwell
- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)

¹Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com>

There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

If your patient experiences a severe allergic reaction, please have them call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Please let them know they should call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

You can also refer your patient to the [Recipient Fact Sheet](#), where the side effects and this information is also available.

After Care Instructions

As a healthcare or vaccinator provider, you may provide guidance on after care following the appointment. Generally speaking, if a patient has mild side effects, he/she/they can take the following steps to feel better:

- Drinks lots of fluids
- Put a cool, wet washcloth on places where you're sore
- With provider approval, recipient may take a non-aspirin pain reliever.
- If the patient's arm is sore after getting the vaccine, try moving their arm around; it can help with pain and swelling.

You can find more information on after-care instructions [here](#).

¹Source: Pfizer-BioNTech. (December 2020). Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers. Retrieved from: <https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com>
Source: HHS. (May 2020). What to Expect—For Adults Retrieved from: https://www.vaccines.gov/get-vaccinated/for_adults

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Documenting Vaccination

What is ZOTEC?

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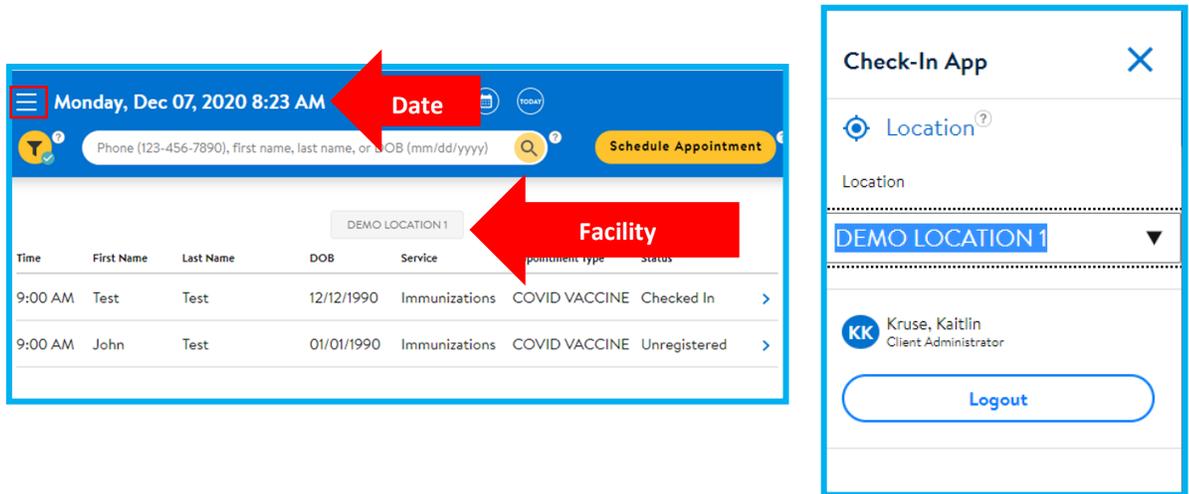
 **Questions?** Please Contact our IDOH Help Desk Portal (<https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/C19VaxHelpDeskCustomer>)



Tip: Do not use Internet Explorer. Please use Chrome or Firefox.

Documenting Vaccination

1. Login to <https://checkin.coronavirus.in.gov> using your credentials. If you do not have user access to Zotec, please refer to the **Gaining Access to Zotec (for Facilities)** Quick Reference Guide.
2. Once you have logged in you will need to confirm the facility location and current date. If the location is incorrect you can change the location by clicking on the icon  shown below.



Time	First Name	Last Name	DOB	Service	Appointment Type	Status
9:00 AM	Test	Test	12/12/1990	Immunizations	COVID VACCINE	Checked In
9:00 AM	John	Test	01/01/1990	Immunizations	COVID VACCINE	Unregistered

3. Once you have selected the correct patient you will be taken to the demographics page. There will be 2 different brands of COVID-19 Vaccine to choose from.

Pfizer will be listed as 30 Mcg/0.3MI and Moderna will be listed as 100Mcg/0.5ML.

SCHEDULED VACCINATION Checked In ?

COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF 100 Mcg/ 0.5 ML

Dose

[Add Vaccine Info ?](#) [Remove Vaccine](#)

SCHEDULED VACCINATION Checked In ?

COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF 30 Mcg/0.3 MI

Dose

[Add Vaccine Info ?](#) [Remove Vaccine](#)

[Add Additional Vaccine](#)

[Return to Appointments](#)

4. When you select **Add Vaccine Info** you will have the option to scan the vaccine information or to enter the information manually.

Scan Vaccine Packaging

[Enter Vaccine Info Manually](#)

[Decline Vaccine](#)

[Cancel](#)



Tip: Only vaccine administrators will have login access to add vaccine information.

- The name and manufacturer will be prepopulated when you open the vaccine info. **Make sure you are checking a second time to see if the manufacturer is correct.** You will input the vaccine info and provide the **temporary expiration date as 12/31/9999.**

Edit Vaccine Immunization Information

Vaccine Name
COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF, 30 Mcg/0.3 MI Dose

Manufacturer
Pfizer, Inc - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Lot Number
1234

Expiration Date
12/31/9999

- One you have entered the vaccine information and saved that section you will need to **Document Administration.** The patient can decline the vaccine at this point as well.

Decline Vaccine

Document Administration

- You will need to verify that all the vaccine information listed at the top is correct. When entering the administration site and route the selections available will appear after you start typing.

Add Vaccine Administration Information

Please Enter the Vaccine Administration Information

Vaccine Name	COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF, 100 Mcg/ 0.5 MI Dose
CVX Code	207
Lot Number	1234
Manufacturer	Moderna US, Inc.
VIS Publication Date	
Expiration Date	12/31/2999
Administering Facility	ISDH24
Administering Date	12/08/2020 11:14:05

Administration Site

Administration Route

Dosage Amount mL

8. Once you have filled out all the information for the vaccine administered you will have to remove the vaccine that was not administered. In this example the Pfizer vaccine was given and Moderna vaccine needs to be removed.

SCHEDULED VACCINATION Checked In ⓘ
COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF, 100 Mcg/ 0.5 MI
Dose
[Add Vaccine Info](#) [Remove Vaccine](#)

SCHEDULED VACCINATION ✓ Checked In
COVID-19, Mrna, LNP-S, PF, 30 Mcg/0.3 MI
Dose
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CVX Code 208
Lot Number 1234
Manufacturer Pfizer, Inc
VIS Publication Date
Expiration Date 12/31/9999
[Edit Vaccine Information](#)

9. The patient can then be checked out by front desk registration or the vaccinator that has dual access to both registration and vaccination.

Accession IDs ⓘ
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, 30 mcg/0.3mL dose : ---
[Cancel](#)
[Reschedule](#) [Complete Appointment](#)
[Print Labels](#)



Tip: The patient can choose to decline the vaccination at any point in the registration and administration process. The print labels button does not need to be used for vaccination and is for testing purposes only.

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Check-In App

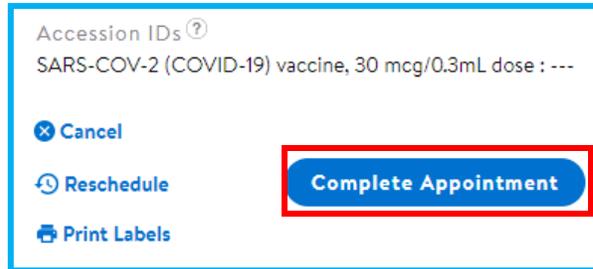
Location

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Client Administrator

Logout

3. The patient can then be checked out by registration or a vaccinator that has dual access to both registration and vaccination. The **Complete Appointment** button will appear after first checking the patient in, receiving the vaccination, and documenting all the vaccination information is complete.



4. You will need to schedule the patients next appointment in Zotec for their 2nd Dose of the vaccine. You can do this by staying on the patient demographic screen and then selecting the Schedule Appointment button on the top right of the screen. The patient's demographic information will transfer over to the next appointment scheduled.





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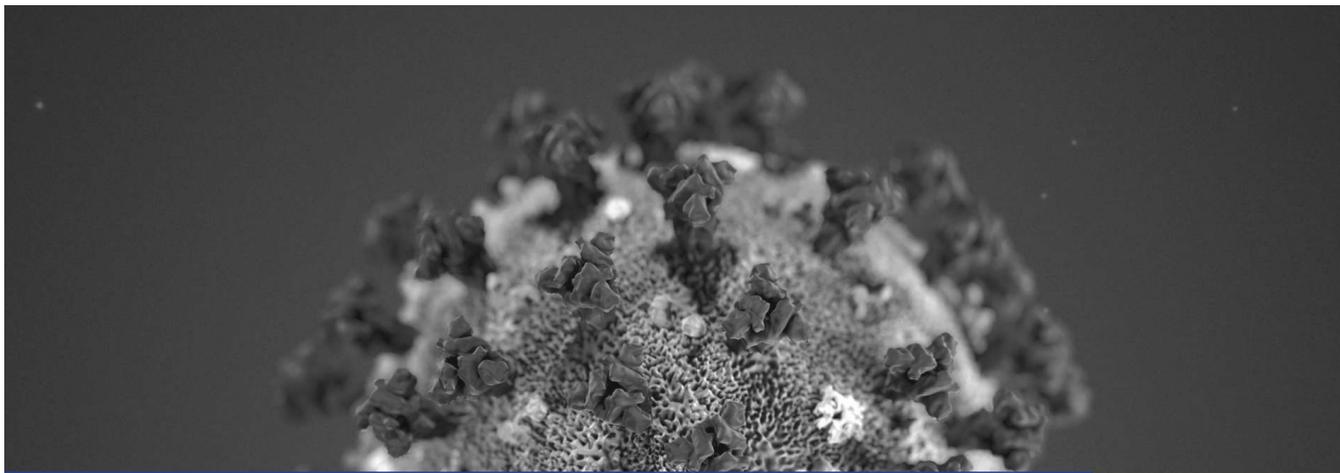
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Steps to Take Before, During, and After Administration Checklist



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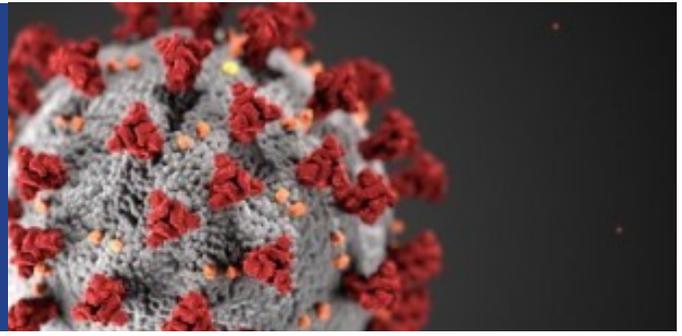
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Steps to Take Before Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. REGISTER/CHECK IN PATIENT ON ZOTEC

- Zotec is used to register patient's appointment and vaccination record documentation
- Patient search must be completed in Zotec prior to COVID-19 vaccine administration. The data will automatically be entered into CHIRP, our state immunization registry.
- Patient search in Zotec is critical for second dose patients to ensure the same COVID-19 vaccine product is used for the second dose. Please refer to the **Registering and Checking In the Patient** section or www.in.gov/isdh/28690.htm for more information.



2. PROVIDE RECIPIENT EUA FACT SHEET

- Required under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act
- Must be given prior to administration of each dose of the vaccine
- Must provide the most current version. Please check the manufacturer website for the most recent version. The Pfizer-BioNTech Provider and Recipient Fact Sheets can be found on www.cvdvaccine.com.
- This also serves as an opportunity to educate the patient and address any questions or concerns patients may have. Refer to the **Patient Education section** or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information.



3. SCREENING THE PATIENT

- The key to preventing the majority of serious adverse reactions is through patient screening
- Every person who administers the COVID-19 Vaccine should screen every patient for contraindications, previous allergies, and precautions prior to administering the vaccine dose
- The contraindications can be found on the Provider Fact Sheet. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine website is located at www.cvdvaccine.com.
- Refer to the **Screening the Patient section** for more guidance.



Steps to Take During Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. VACCINE PREPARATION

- Wear waterproof insulated gloves when removing vials from ultracold storage.
- Remove the number of vials needed as quickly as possible and return the tray to frozen storage. Do not expose to room temperature for more than 10 minutes before choosing a thawing option.
- Thaw vaccine at room temperature or from refrigeration.
- Refer to the **Preparing and Thawing the Vaccine** section for more information on thawing and room temperature exposure time restrictions or www.cvdvaccine.com.



2. DILUENT WITHDRAWAL

- Prior to dilution, please make sure that the vial is completely thawed.
- Use an alcohol swab to wipe off the top of the vial.
- Once diluted, vaccine must be used within 6 hours and stored between 2°C and 25°C (35.6°F to 77°F).
- Record the date and time of dilution on vaccine vial label, and discard any unused vaccine 6 hours after dilution
- Refer to the **Diluting the Vaccine** section or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information on supplies needed and instructions you must follow.



3. ADMINISTER INTRAMUSCULAR ROUTE

- Make sure staff are wearing appropriate PPE.
- Practice hand hygiene before administration, between patients, and when changing gloves (if worn), and any time your hands/gloves are soiled.
- Administer a single 30 mcg/0.3mL dose at first visit.
- Use appropriate gauge needle for body type (23-25 gauge).
- Administer intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle.
- Refer to the **Administering the Vaccine** section or www.cvdvaccine.com for more information.



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Steps to Take After Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Administration



1. WAIT 15 MIN. & PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATION RECORD CARD

- Discard all used materials in appropriate waste receptacles.
- Monitor your patient after the vaccination for 15 minutes in a designated area to monitor for potential vaccine reaction.
- Using the COVID-19 vaccination record card provided in the ancillary kit, please record the time and day for second-dose appointment.
- The second dose is administered 21 days later and it must be [Pfizer BioNTech](#) COVID-19 vaccine; it is not interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccines.
- Refer to the **Closing the Loop** section for more information.



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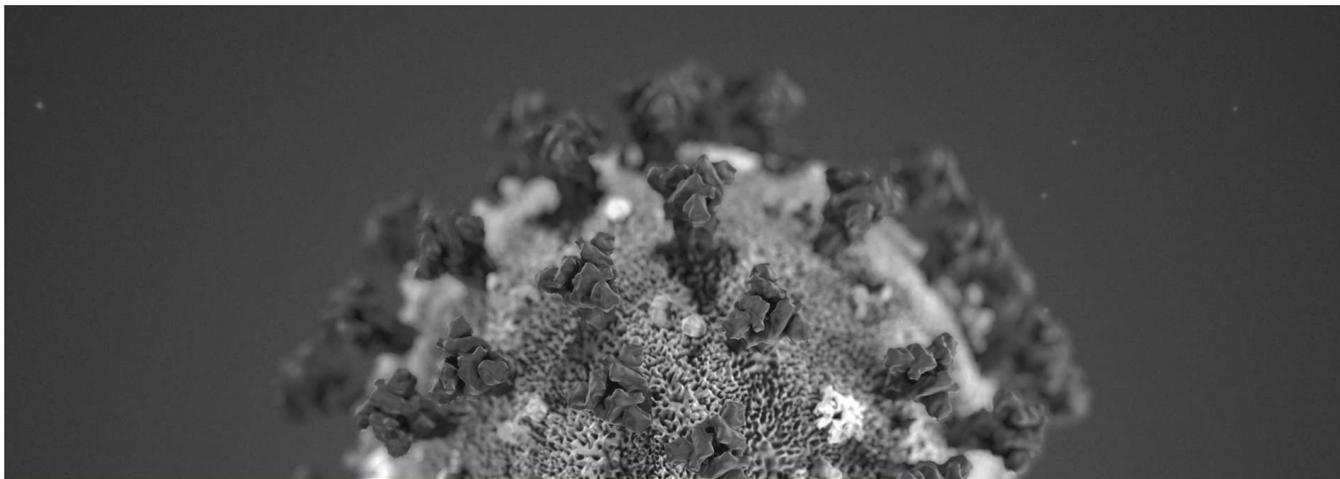
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3. DOCUMENT VACCINATION IN ZOTEC

- Each COVID-19 dose administered must be entered into Zotec at the time of vaccination.
- Vaccinations must be reported within 24 hours of administration.
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Vaccinating During COVID-19 Infographic



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The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Immunization Division wants to ensure all providers are staying safe and keeping patients healthy, while continuing to vaccinate patients.

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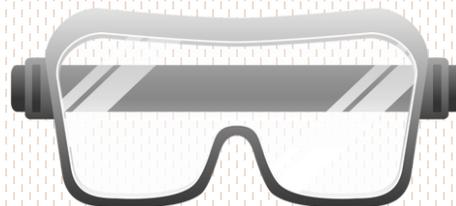
Take the necessary actions to protect you and your community!

Wear a medical facemask!



*N-95 is not required for intranasal or oral vaccines. But should be used if you suspect a patient has/been exposed to COVID-19.¹

Use secure eye protection!



*Goggles or a disposable face shield may be used.¹

Change gloves between patients!



*Wearing gloves is not a substitute for hand hygiene!
*Gloves should be utilized¹ when giving the following vaccinations:

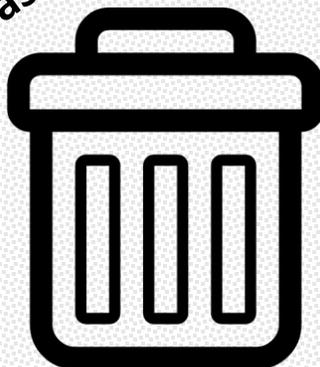
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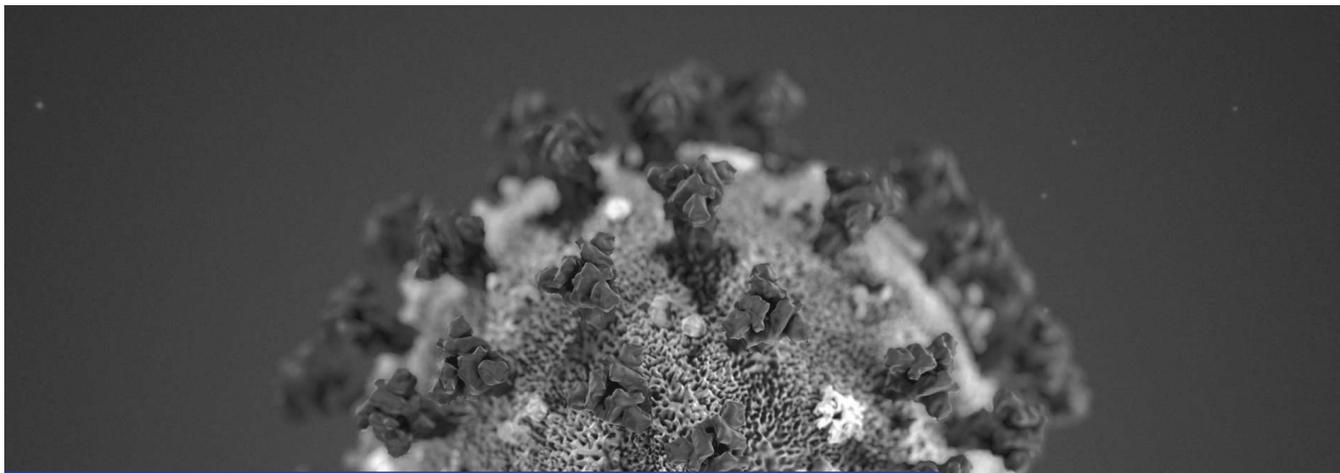


*Wash your hands before and after patient contact.¹

Throw PPE waste in a trash can!



*Do not leave used or soiled PPE on surfaces. Directly dispose used and soiled PPE in the trash.²



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Resources

[CDC COVID-19 Communications Toolkit](#)

[Answering Patients' Questions](#)

[Emergency Use Authorization Explained](#)

[V-safe Monitoring System](#)

[Pfizer Factsheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

Building Vaccine Confidence

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Get vaccinated. Get your smartphone. Get started with v-safe.

What is v-safe?

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you. And **v-safe** will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

Your participation in CDC's **v-safe** makes a difference—it helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe.

How can I participate?

Once you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you can enroll in **v-safe** using your smartphone. Participation is voluntary and you can opt out at any time. You will receive text messages from **v-safe** around 2pm local time. To opt out, simply text "STOP" when **v-safe** sends you a text message. You can also start **v-safe** again by texting "START."

How long do v-safe check-ins last?

During the first week after you get your vaccine, **v-safe** will send you a text message each day to ask how you are doing. Then you will get check-in messages once a week for up to 5 weeks. The questions **v-safe** asks should take less than 5 minutes to answer. If you need a second dose of vaccine, **v-safe** will provide a new 6-week check-in process so you can share your second-dose vaccine experience as well. You'll also receive check-ins 3, 6, and 12 months after your final dose of vaccine.

Is my health information safe?

Yes. Your personal information in **v-safe** is protected so that it stays confidential and private.*

*To the extent **v-safe** uses existing information systems managed by CDC, FDA, and other federal agencies, the systems employ strict security measures appropriate for the data's level of sensitivity. These measures comply, where applicable, with the following federal laws, including the Privacy Act of 1974; standards enacted that are consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); the Federal Information Security Management Act, and the Freedom of Information Act.



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Sign up with your smartphone's browser at vsafe.cdc.gov

OR

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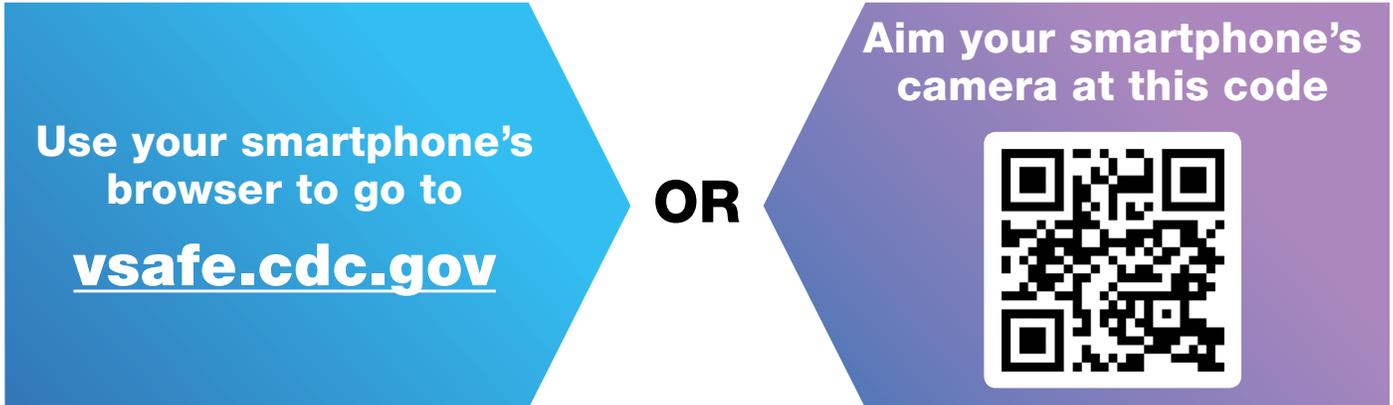


How to register and use v-safe

You will need your smartphone and information about the COVID-19 vaccine you received. This information can be found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider.

Register

1. Go to the **v-safe** website using one of the two options below:



2. Read the instructions. Click **Get Started**.
3. Enter your name, mobile number, and other requested information. Click **Register**.
4. You will receive a text message with a verification code on your smartphone. Enter the code in **v-safe** and click **Verify**.
5. At the top of the screen, click **Enter your COVID-19 vaccine information**.
6. Select which COVID-19 vaccine you received (found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider). Then enter the date you were vaccinated. Click **Next**.
7. Review your vaccine information. If correct, click **Submit**. If not, click **Go Back**.
8. **Congrats! You're all set!** If you complete your registration before 2pm local time, **v-safe** will start your initial health check-in around 2pm that day. If you register after 2pm, **v-safe** will start your initial health check-in immediately after you register — just follow the instructions.

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Complete a v-safe health check-in

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2. Follow the instructions to complete the check-in.

Troubleshooting

How can I come back and finish a check-in later if I'm interrupted?

- Click the link in the text message reminder to restart and complete your check-in.

How do I update my vaccine information after my second COVID-19 vaccine dose?

- **V-safe** will automatically ask you to update your second dose information. Just follow the instructions.

Need help with v-safe?

Call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

TTY 888-232-6348

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

Visit www.cdc.gov/vsafe



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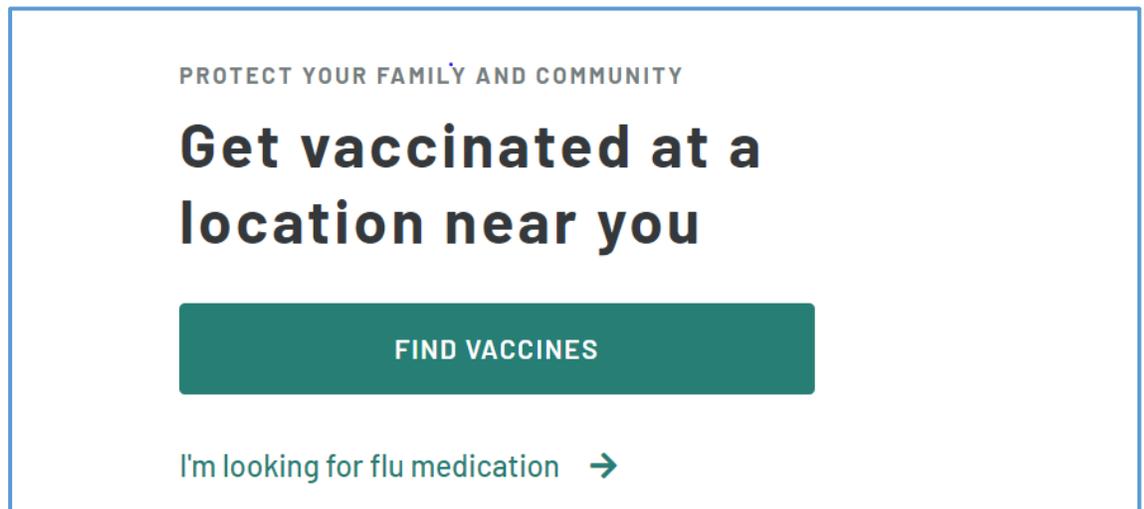
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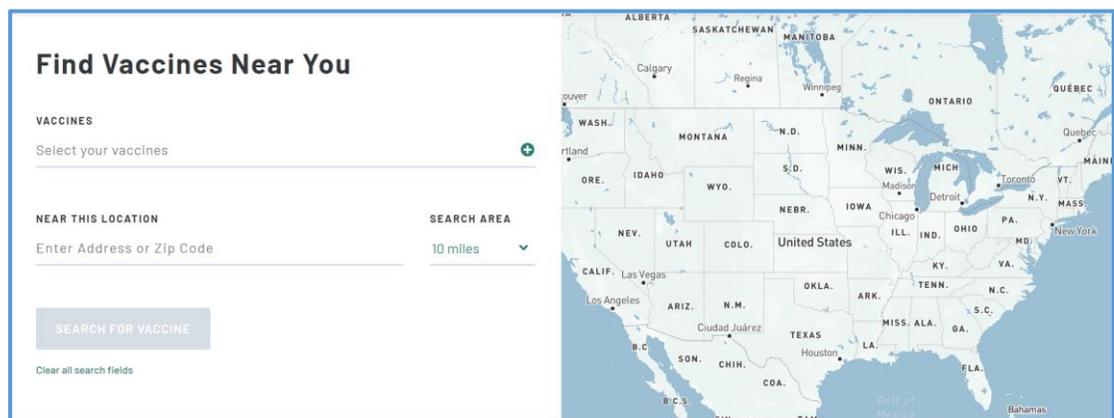
Vaccine Finder is an online database that uses geo-mapping to find healthcare providers in a given area that provide immunizations. The goal of the Vaccine Finder is to simplify the process of finding and choosing a vaccine provider, therefore increasing vaccine coverage. By entering a zip code, individuals can find all the providers in their area that meet their vaccination needs.

How Do I Search for a Vaccine in Vaccine Finder?

1. Visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.



2. Click on **Find Vaccines** and you will be redirected to the following screen. Enter the correct vaccine and zip code for patient.



Pfizer/BioNTech and CDC/FDA/HHS Resources



Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Website

The manufacturer website contains the most recent patient EUA and provider fact sheet. The fact sheet contains information on storage and handling, safety and administration, and vaccine preparation.

[Webpage: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Patient EUA and Provider Fact Sheet](#)

[Webpage: Pfizer-BioNTech Dosing and Administration](#)

[Webpage: Pfizer-BioNTech Safety Info](#)

[Webpage: Pfizer-BioNTech Resources](#)

[Webpage: Pfizer-BioNTech Q&A](#)

CDC Resources

Find information for COVID-19 vaccination administration, storage and handling, reporting, and patient education for each specific vaccine.

[Webpage: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Webpage: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical Resources for Each COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Webpage: COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers](#)

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[Webpage: V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker](#)

[PDF: Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products](#)

[PDF: Needle Gauge and Length Chart](#)

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Vaccine Safety and Administration Links and Other Trainings



Vaccine Safety and Administration Resources

Vaccine Safety

[Webpage: CDC COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[Webpage: V-safe & Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#)

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[Webpage: Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic: Interim guidance for immunization services during COVID-19](#)

[Video: FDA What is an EUA?](#)

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[Webpage: CDC You Call the Shots – Vaccine Administration](#)

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Where to Find More Safety and Administration Resources

[Webpage: Immunizations MMWR](#)

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[Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Website](#)

	Phone Number	Hours	Email/Website	Help For
Shipment Issues/ General Product Inquiries	877-829-2619	8AM-11PM EST 7 days/week		Basic administration FAQs, syringes for dilution, storage and handling, diluent FAQs, dry ice, shipping container, etc.
Medical Information	800-438-1985	8AM-11PM EST 7 days/week	www.pfizermedinfo.com	Efficacy, stability, safety, dosage, and administration, vaccine ingredients
US Shipment Support/Trade Customer Service	800-666-7248	8AM-8PM EST 5 days/week (M-F)		Return shipment boxes, where to get more dry ice, ordering vaccine, order status, locating diluent order
Controlant Customer Service	1-(855)-44- CONTROL		support@controlant.com	Controlant Temperature Monitoring System that comes thermal
Adverse Event Reporting to VAERS and Pfizer Inc.	Phone: 1-800-438- 1985 Fax: 1-866-635- 8337		www.pfizersafetyreporting.com	Additional reporting of side effects related to COVID-19 vaccine

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	Phone Number	Hours	Email/Website
IDOH Epidemiology Resource Center	877-826-0011	8:00AM-5:00PM	https:// www.coronavirus.in.gov/2397.ht m

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