



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - Bivalent Booster Shipments

Shipments of the new **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent boosters** will begin to arrive as early as Thursday, September 1, 2022, for providers who placed orders during the first wave of preordering on August 23.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued [emergency use authorizations for the updated Moderna and Pfizer boosters](#) this week, paving the way for these shipments to begin.

Shipments of Pfizer preorders placed during Wave 2 (Aug. 24-29) are expected to begin Tuesday, September 6. Shipments of the Moderna COVID-19 bivalent booster preorders are anticipated to begin the week of September 12.

There will be no deliveries on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022.

Providers should check their email messages for delivery updates from vaccine distributors for tracking information. Shipment information also will be available through the Vaccine Ordering Management System (VOMS) after 8 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2022.

These Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent booster doses (ages 12 years and older) cannot be administered until the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorse the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which will convene Thursday, September 1, 2022.

It is important to note that, effective immediately, the original monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are NO LONGER authorized for use as boosters in people ages 12 years and older. Any booster dose appointments scheduled for this age group should be rescheduled until shipments of the bivalent booster have arrived, and the CDC has endorsed ACIP's recommendations.

How to order bivalent COVID-19 vaccine:

The Ohio Department of Health is again accepting orders for the bivalent boosters through VOMS.

- VOMS is open for providers to place orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The minimum order quantity is 300 doses for Pfizer and 100 doses for Moderna.
- Orders can be placed using the **COVID-19 – Pfizer and COVID-19 – Moderna order sets**.
- A “soft-cap” maximum of 600 doses for Pfizer and 200 doses for Moderna doses will be placed on each order at this time to help with the equitable distribution of the vaccine.
 - Please order only what you plan to use in the near future.
 - Order quantities may be adjusted to ensure fair and equitable distribution across the state.
 - If you are part of a large healthcare system or have a special request for a local vaccination effort that would require more than doses, please call the ODH Provider Call Center at 1-844-9ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829) and we will work with you.
- Providers must enter the total quantity requested for each vaccine in the “Doses Requested” field in multiples of 300 for Pfizer and 100 for Moderna.
- Smaller quantities of the **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine** can also be requested. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) warehouse facility will offer 60-dose quantities of the Pfizer bivalent booster once initial shipments have arrived. Please use the **COVID-19 ODH RSS** order set to request these smaller quantities.

Resources:

- **NEW** – [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent: Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)

[\(Booster Dose for 12 years and older\)](#)

- **NEW** – [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent: Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers \(Booster Dose for 18 years and older\)](#)
- **UPDATED** – [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series \(12 years and older, gray cap\): Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- **UPDATED** – [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series \(12 years and older, purple cap\): Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- **UPDATED** – [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series \(12 years and older, light blue border\): Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- **UPDATED** – [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series \(6 years through 11 years, teal and purple border\): Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- **UPDATED** – [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series \(6 months through 5 years, magenta border\): Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)

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