Planning for the Pediatric Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Rollout

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On Today’s Call

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- Chicago Department of Public Health
- ICAAP/I-VAC: Dr. Christina Wells

Administration of bivalent boosters to children 5-11 years old cannot begin until after FDA EUA is issued AND a CDC recommendation is granted. All information is subject to change.
What is a Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine?

▶ *From Moderna:* Bivalent vaccines are designed to protect against two strains of a virus providing greater protection against variants compared to the original Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

▶ *From Pfizer:* The Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine contains mRNA encoding the wild-type spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 in the Original Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and mRNA encoding the spike protein of the Omicron BA.4/BA.5 subvariants. Apart from the addition of the mRNA sequence of the BA.4/BA.5 spike protein, all other components of the vaccine remain unchanged.
If authorized by FDA, CDC anticipates a recommendation for bivalent COVID-19 vaccine as a booster for pediatric age groups in early to mid-October.

- ACIP meetings scheduled for: October 19-20

Ages and products:

- Pfizer-BioNTech: for children 5-11 years
- Moderna: for children 6-17 years
Anticipated Guidance

- Pediatric bivalent COVID-19 vaccines will be:
  - A single booster dose in children who have completed a primary vaccination series at a minimum interval after their last COVID-19 dose.

- It is expected that heterologous (mix-and-match) bivalent vaccines will be authorized, e.g.:
  - Children who completed a primary series of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine would be able to receive a bivalent Moderna vaccine (or vice versa).
  - Adolescents 12-17 years old will have the option of receiving either Moderna or Pfizer bivalent vaccine.
**Anticipated Guidance**

- Monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines would NO LONGER be authorized for use as boosters in children 5 years and older.
- No changes to primary vaccine products.
- No changes to the schedule for 6 months to 4 years-old.
## STORAGE & HANDLING

**PFIZER-BIONTECH STORAGE & HANDLING INFORMATION**

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| ULT FREEZER (-90°C TO -60°C)* | 12 months |
| FREEZER (-25°C TO -15°C) | DO NOT STORE |
| REFRIGERATOR (2°C TO 8°C) | 10 weeks |
| ROOM TEMPERATURE (8°C TO 25°C including any thaw time) | 12 hours prior to first puncture |
| AFTER FIRST PUNCTURE (2°C TO 25°C) | Discard after 12 hours |

* Diluent: Sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. Do not use bacteriostatic 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection or any other diluent.

* Regardless of storage condition, vaccines should not be used after 12 months from the date of manufacture printed on the vial and cartons.

*Pending Authorization*
Storage & Handling Pfizer

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The **ORANGE** caps and **ORANGE** vial label borders of both vaccines are **IDENTICAL**

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**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**

*Primary Series Only*

- **DILUTE PRIOR TO USE**: Age 5y to < 12y
- For intramuscular use. Contains no preservative.
- For use under Emergency Use Authorization. After dilution store all 2 to 25°C (59 to 77°F) and discard after 12 hours. Dilution date and time.

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**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent (Original and Omicron BA.4/BA.5)**

*Booster Dose Only*

- **DILUTE PRIOR TO USE**: Age ≥ 18 y
- For intramuscular use. Contains no preservative.
- For use under Emergency Use Authorization. After dilution store all 2 to 25°C (59 to 77°F) and discard after 12 hours. Dilution date and time.

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**Multiple-Dose Vial THAW TIME**

- **Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C)**: Up to 4 hours
- **Room Temperature (up to 25°C)**: 30 minutes

- After dilution with 1.3 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP the vial contains 10 doses of 0.2 mL (10 mcg) per dose.
- Prior to withdrawing a dose, check that the vial has not reached the 12-hour post-dilution expiration.
- Withdraw 0.2 mL dose (10 mcg) of Orange Cap vaccine for administration to individuals 5 through 11 years of age.
- Any vaccine remaining in vials (or syringes) should be discarded 12 hours after dilution.
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* Regardless of storage condition, vaccines should not be used after the expiration date.

* After a vial is punctured 20 times it should be discarded even if the 12-hour time limit has not been met.

* Can be used as a dose in those who received a J & J primary dose.

** Although labels may state "booster doses only", the blue cap, purple label border presentation is only for use as a primary dose in ages 6–11

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## Ordering Information

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Ancillary supplies will be provided for bivalent products, including a variety of 1-inch and 1.5-inch needles and syringes. *Opt-out is available for Pfizer 12+ bivalent and Moderna – NOT for 5-11 bivalent.

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Ancillary Kits

- Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 6-11 years, if authorized.
  - 2 ancillary kits per minimum dose order will be sent to accommodate double the number of doses provided in each vial.
- Upon Moderna authorization, providers will need to specify pediatric intent within their vaccine order process to receive the appropriate ancillary kit.
- An ancillary opt-out continues to be available for all non-diluent kits.
Ordering

IDPH
▶ Pre-ordering is open now in I-CARE for Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent for ages 5-11 years.
▶ Ordering for Moderna COVID-19 bivalent for ages 6-17 years will occur post-EUA.
Ordering

▷ CDPH
▷ Reach out to COVID19vaccine@cityofchicago.org
**Example: Pending Authorization**

See the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for children who are transitioning from a younger to older age group during their vaccination window.

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Moderna For Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Populations

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[illinoisvaccinates.com](http://illinoisvaccinates.com)
Janssen and Novavax

All charts are available at illinoisvaccinates.com/resources

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Additional Information

▷ Provider facilities that do not require minimum order quantities should contact their local health department or other typical sources for vaccine redistribution, such as the [State Vaccine Reallocation Tool](#).

▷ Providers are asked to report their inventory to Vaccines.gov as soon as possible – **include ages please!**
Reminders

▶ Some wastage is expected in order to vaccinate all eligible Illinoisians.

▶ Providers will NOT be penalized for wasting the remainder of a vial if they are only able to utilize a portion of the doses in the vial.
FAQs

What safety data do we have?

▷ Both Moderna and Pfizer have shared data on the safety of the BA.1 bivalent vaccine on over 1,400 adults.

▷ The bivalent vaccine that will be available in the US is the BA.5 bivalent vaccine, but the differences between the two (BA.1 and BA.5) is very small.

▷ According to Your Local Epidemiologist, "The difference is a few amino acids or equivalent to a few letter edits on a Word document. We aren’t changing the number of words in the paper (like dosage of RNA), or the content of the paper, or the platform (like Word to Excel). Because of the minimal change, we are confident that BA.1 bivalent safety data will accurately reflect BA.5 safety. The risk of myocarditis after COVID-19 infection (compared to vaccination) is 1.8 - 5.6 times higher among young males."

Your Local Epidemiologist
FAQs

Can patients mix and match products?

Currently: Yes.

For booster vaccination, age-appropriate mRNA vaccines are recommended. Any homologous or heterologous age-appropriate mRNA vaccine can be used if a booster dose is FDA-authorized for use in a specified population.

• **Homologous booster dose**: The same vaccine manufacturer used for the booster dose and the primary series.
• **Heterologous booster dose (mix-and-match booster)**: A different vaccine manufacturer used for the booster dose and the primary series.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html
FAQs

Can other vaccines be given with bivalent boosters?

▶ YES!

COVID-19 vaccines may be administered without regard to timing of other vaccines. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day.

There are additional considerations if administering an orthopoxvirus vaccine (see CDC guidance).

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html
Talking to Parents and Caregivers

Why do we need an updated boosters?

For more protection from COVID-19. Each booster helps to give longer protection. The COVID-19 virus has changed since the vaccines first came out and we now have the Omicron strain. A bivalent vaccine will provide even more protection against current and future strains of the virus related to Omicron.

Why should my child get an updated booster?

Cases are probably going to increase this winter due to more time spent inside and fewer masking requirements. The virus is continuously changing and we have to change with it! Staying up to date with vaccines is the best way to avoid hospitalization, death, and other long term health conditions that we know COVID-19 can and does cause.
COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards

If vaccination card is full:

- CDC recommends completing a second card and stapling the two cards together.
- Encourage the patient to photograph both cards in case the two become separated, if possible.
- Both cards should be presented when vaccination history is required for travel, employment, or other purposes.
- Encourage patients to download their vaccine records with VaxVerify.
Upcoming Trainings and Support

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- **I-VAC Office Hours**
  - Follow this link to join on Zoom
- **Learning Collaborative sessions, held bi-weekly**
  - **Pediatric sessions** begin Tuesday, October 11th 5:30pm to 6:30pm &
  - **Adult sessions** begin Wednesday, October 19th 5:30pm to 6:30pm

- **Moderna**
  - Trainings link
  - Office hours and regional contacts link

- **Pfizer**
  - Trainings link
Additional Resources + Outreach Materials

- Standing orders
  - Moderna
  - Pfizer
- Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (I-VAC)
  - Bivalent social media images available
- Provider FAQs [here](#)
- Patient-Facing COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs
  - Pediatrics COVID-19 Vaccines – [English, Spanish](#)
  - Updated COVID-19 Boosters – [English, Spanish](#)
  - NEW Pediatric updated COVID-19 Boosters – [English, Spanish](#)
- AAP dosing guide for when a child has birthdays in between doses [here](#)
- Pfizer trainings [here](#)
- Fall bivalent boosters: Science update from YLE [here](#)
COVID-19 VACCINE BOOTCAMP

registratlon information coming soon
Contact Information

IDPH
▷ To enroll in I-CARE: dph.immunizations@illinois.gov
▷ For questions about vaccine orders: dph.vaccines@illinois.gov

CDPH
▷ Kevin Hansen: Kevin.Hansen@cityofchicago.org
▷ COVID19vaccine@cityofchicago.org
▷ Provider resources: https://www.chicagohan.org/covid-19-vaccine/provider

ICAAP/I-VAC
▷ Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19
▷ Stephanie Atella: satella@illinoisaap.com

▷ Facts@ilvaccinates.com

Pfizer
▷ Customer Service: Call 1-800-879-3477
▷ General Product Inquiries: Call 1-877-829-2619
▷ Pfizer Medical Information: Call 1-800-438-1985 or Visit PfizerMedicalInformation.com
▷ Controlant Customer Support: 1-701-540-4039
▷ Pfizer US Shipment Support: Call 1-800-666-7248

Moderna
▷ Customer Service: Call 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762) or Email ModernaPV@modernatx.com
▷ Chatbot here
Thank You

Stay tuned.

It is anticipated that at least one bivalent vaccine for children aged 6 months to 4 years may be authorized later in the fall. Keep this and storage space in mind when developing your overall fall vaccine plans.