



## Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine: Provider Update and Information

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### General Information

With the CDC's and FDA's recent approval of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine for people 18 years and older, providers can make orders in LINKS using the normal ordering pages starting the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

This new product can be ordered in as little as 10 doses and will come refrigerated with ancillary supplies from M&D or 100 doses for direct shipment from McKesson.

The Novavax vaccine uses a more common protein subunit based method of development, as opposed to the new mRNA technology that was used to formulate the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It is an effective alternative for individuals who were allergic to previous COVID vaccines or prefer an older, traditional method of vaccine development.

Additional Storage and Dosage information can be found below:

### Storage and Handling

- Once vaccine shipment is received/vaccine arrives (with ancillary supplies), keep refrigerated at +2°C to +8°C (+36°F to +46°F) until the expiration date.
- The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine vials and cartons **do not** have an expiration date. To find the expiration date, access [www.NovavaxCovidVaccine.com](http://www.NovavaxCovidVaccine.com), navigate to the United States Healthcare Professional section of the website, and enter the lot number printed on the carton or the vial into the "Expiry Date Checker" tool.
- Once punctured, the vaccine vial can be refrigerated for up to 6 hours.
- Ancillary supplies: 1-inch & 1.5-inch needles and syringes. No diluent needed.
- Store in the original package to protect from light.
- Do not freeze.
- Providers administering Novavax vaccines must use calibrated digital data logger (DDL) thermometers with a current and valid certificate of calibration issued by an appropriate entity.

### Preparation and Administration

Novavax is administered through a two dose (0.5mL each) primary series, 3 weeks apart, through intramuscular injection. There is currently no booster dose authorized for this vaccine.

- Each vial contains 10 doses of 0.5 mL each.
- Record the date and time of the first puncture on the vial label
- Do not pool excess vaccine from multiple vials

## Questions and More Information

For general questions regarding the Novavax vaccine, visit the Novavax website at [www.NovavaxCovidVaccine.com](http://www.NovavaxCovidVaccine.com) or call 1-855-239-9174.

The CDC will hold an [informational office hour](#) to discuss their recommendations this Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Novavax will hold informational office hours throughout the month of August.