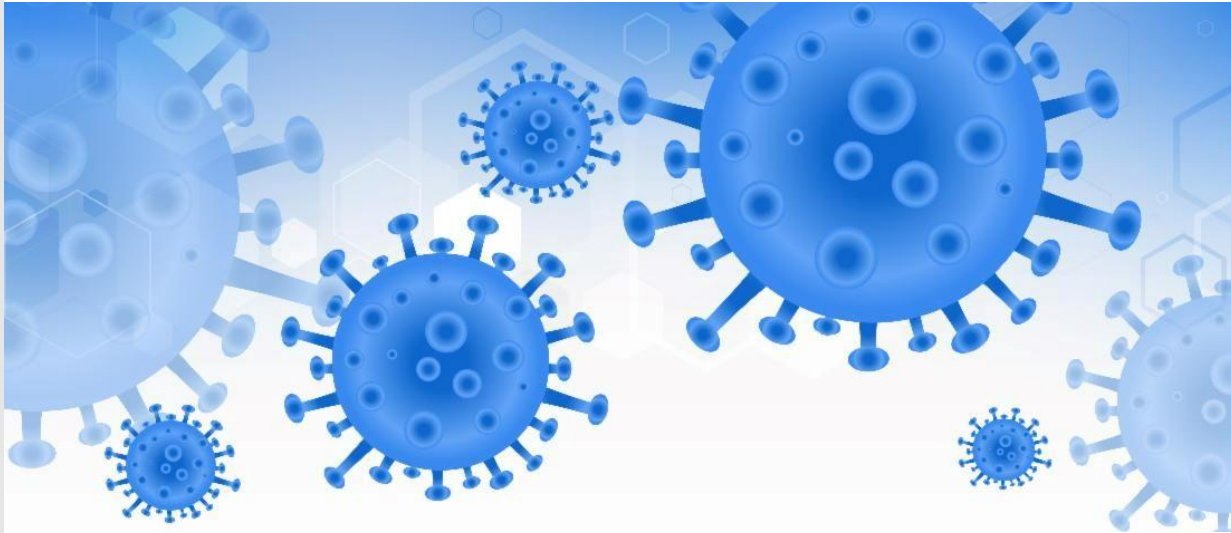


# IMMUNIZATION COVID-19 Update

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## Question of the Week

### When should someone get tested for COVID-19?

You should get tested for COVID-19:

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms
- At least 5 days after known or suspected close contact to COVID-19
- For screening (schools, workplaces, congregate settings, etc.)
- Before and after travel
- When asked by a healthcare professional or public health official



If you have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days and recovered, you do not need to be tested unless you develop new symptoms.

The [Coronavirus Self-Checker](#) is an interactive clinical assessment tool that can help you decide when to seek testing or medical care if you think you have COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Study addresses COVID-19 effects on 5 to 11-year-olds



This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *MMWR Weekly* released data indicating that a significant number of children hospitalized with COVID-19 during the first few months of Omicron were unvaccinated. Researchers found that between December 19, 2021 and February 28, 2022, "hospitalization rates of children ages 5–11 years who were unvaccinated were twice as high as those who were vaccinated."

According to the CDC, "Among hospitalized children, 33% had no underlying medical conditions and 19% were admitted to an intensive care unit. No vaccinated children who were hospitalized with COVID-19 during Omicron phase required a high degree of support for breathing, such as nasal oxygen, bilevel positive airway pressure/continuous positive airway pressure, or mechanical ventilation." [Read the study.](#)

## FDA issued EUA for first COVID-19 breathalyzer test

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration, on April 14, issued emergency use authorization (EUA) to InspectIR Systems for the company's InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer test. The authorization makes the InspectIR breathalyzer the first diagnostic test of its kind to detect chemical compounds in breath samples associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer test:

- Is authorized to be performed in environments where the patient specimen is both collected and analyzed, such as doctors' offices, hospitals, and mobile testing sites, using an instrument about the size of a piece of carry-on luggage
- Is authorized to be performed by a qualified, trained operator under the supervision of a healthcare provider licensed or authorized to prescribe tests, and can provide results in less than three minutes
- Is for people ages 18 and older without symptoms or other epidemiological reasons to suspect COVID-19

[Read more.](#)

## Storage and coding information for Prevnar 13® & Prevnar 20™

Providers can review the Prevnar Fact Sheet that provides information regarding storage and coding for Prevnar 13® (Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine [Diphtheria CRM<sub>197</sub> Protein]) and Prevnar 20™ (Pneumococcal 20-valent Conjugate Vaccine) in accordance with approved indications. The Fact Sheet also includes pertinent vaccine information such as NDC numbers and important safety information. [View the fact sheet.](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccine - Pfizer expiration extension (ultra-cold only)

The FDA has approved an amendment to the EUA for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine extending the shelf-life of the following formulations stored consistently at ultra-low temperature -90°C to -60°C (-130°F to -76°F):

- Pfizer Pediatric vaccine (**Orange** Cap for ages 5 through 11, with diluent)
- Pfizer Adult (**Gray** Cap for ages 12+, no diluent)

Vials stored in refrigerated vials (2°C to 8°C) are NOT eligible for extension, regardless of the expiration date.

Reminders:

- Do not use Pfizer products beyond 12 months from manufacture date.
- Expiration dates for the Pfizer TRIS products are NOT printed on the vaccine cartons or vials.
- Do not store Pfizer vials at -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5°F). Once vials are thawed, they should not be refrozen.

For more information, please review the following fact sheets:

- [Pfizer Vaccine Expiry Information Sheet](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine \(Gray Cap/Adult\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine \(Orange Cap/PEDS\)](#)
- [CDC Administration Overview for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Printed Manufacture Date	12-Month Expiry Date
06/2021	31-May-2022
07/2021	30-Jun-2022
08/2021	31-Jul-2022
09/2021	31-Aug-2022
10/2021	30-Sep-2022
11/2021	31-Oct-2022
12/2021	30-Nov-2022
01/2022	31-Dec-2022
02/2022	31-Jan-2023
03/2022	28-Feb-2023

## Moderna 14 phased out

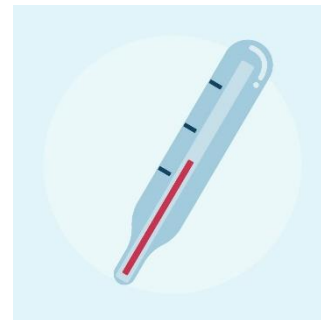
As of April 8, all lots of Moderna 14-dose vials have expired, and there is no more Moderna 14 available for ordering. If you have Moderna 14 in your inventory, please dispose of it in accordance with state and local regulations. Please use the correct NDC for when reporting the disposed Moderna 14 as waste.

## CDC shares best practices for inventory management

Providers are reminded to continually check inventory for expired vaccine and to immediately remove expired inventory to prevent it from being accidentally administered.

CDC Code Set Management Service: [The COVID-19 Vaccine Lot Number report](#), available via CDC's Vaccine Code Set Management Service, can help identify expired inventory. The report is updated daily with COVID-19 vaccine lot numbers and expiration dates provided to CDC by vaccine manufacturers.

If you have not yet registered for the report, visit [CDC's Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date webpage](#) and click the "Register" button in the upper right-hand corner to complete the registration form to request access.



Vaccine Expiration Date Lookup & Reference Information:

- [Expiry Information for Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Moderna Vial Expiration Date Lookup Tool](#)
- [J&J Expiration Date Lookup Tool](#)

CDC Guidance on Storage & Handling:

CDC provides guidance on the proper storage and handling of vaccine and tools for monitoring temperatures during transport and redistribution for each available vaccine.

- **Pfizer:** [Administration Overview for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **Moderna:** [Administration Overview for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **J&J/Janssen:** [Administration Overview for Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

## New vaccine incentive program for Medicaid members

Louisiana Medicaid launched a new vaccine incentive initiative, "Shot Per 100,000," this week. The program offers \$200 gift cards to the first 100,000 Medicaid members who receive either the first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or the single-dose COVID-19 vaccine on or after April 5, 2022. Booster shots are not included in the program.

To learn more about "Shot Per 100,000," visit [www.ldh.la.gov/vaccinegiftcard](http://www.ldh.la.gov/vaccinegiftcard). For a list of vaccine locations, visit [www.ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine](http://www.ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine).

## Save the Date: Monthly provider call on May 4

### Are you coming to the next Monthly COVID-19 Vaccination Update for Providers?

#### LOCATION

Via ZOOM

#### DATE AND TIME

05/04/22 12:00pm - 05/04/22 1:00pm

I'll be there!

Maybe

I can't make it


## COVID-19 vaccine resources

- [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)

- Data Definitions for COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States
- Archived Vaccines Content
- Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)
- Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson) Questions
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Gray Cap) Age 12 and Over
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Purple Cap) Age 12 and Over
- COVID-19 Vaccination for Children
- 6 Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children
- COVID-19 Vaccination Data Systems and Data Sources

## Good Reads

- Louisiana low COVID-19 hospitalizations
- A health firm says it has developed an app that can detect COVID-19 when an infected person coughs into their phone
- Omicron BA.2 overall makes up more than 90% of COVID variants in U.S. - CDC
- Rise in at-home testing means we could be undercounting Covid-19 cases even more than before
- Mom warns of COVID-19 misinformation after she says she became anti-vaccine influencer - ABC News
- White House Global Covid-19 Summit to be held in May
- 'Values of our society': Nursing homes shut down, close wings amid COVID-19 staffing crunch



**GET THE FACTS**

COVID-19 SUPPORT HOTLINE:

**855-453-0774**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Sunday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn more at [covidvaccine.la.gov](https://covidvaccine.la.gov)

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## Submit a Question of the Week

Do you have a frequently asked question that you would like to submit or have answered in the QOW?

[SUBMIT HERE](#)