



Alaska Immunization Program

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

As Alaska prepares for COVID-19 vaccines, there are a number of resources available to help prepare and stay informed.

- Check for updates on vaccine status at covidvax.alaska.gov.
- [Sign up](#) for the COVID-19 Vaccine ECHO sessions every Thursday at 2:00pm.)
- [Sign up](#) to receive Alaska COVID-19 Clinical Updates through GovDelivery.
- The [CDC](#) has a number of web pages related to the COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccination Enrollment

If your clinic is interested in offering COVID-19 vaccinations, please enroll in the [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#). Even if you already receive vaccine from the Alaska Immunization Program, you will need to enroll separately in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. As an enrolled provider, your facility will be eligible to order COVID-19 vaccine through the Alaska Immunization Program and receive shipments of COVID-19 vaccine from the distributor.

Influenza Vaccine Availability

Continue to order influenza vaccine as needed throughout the season. Remember that some products have patient eligibility or

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Ask Izzy

Dear Izzy,

The Alaska Immunization Program use to have growth charts. Will you carry them again?

~AD

Dear AD,

age restrictions placed by the Immunization Program- see our [State-supplied Influenza Vaccine Eligibility](#).

Because Fluarix syringes and Fluzone multi-dose vials are becoming more limited in stock, we request that, when possible, you prioritize administering Flucelvax syringes to patients 4+ years of age and Flumist sprayer to patients 2+ years of age. This will help ensure there is adequate Fluarix syringes and Fluzone multi-dose vials available to serve patients 6 mos through 2 years of age.

Fluzone High Dose vaccine is out of stock but other influenza vaccines are available that can be given to that age population. The ACIP does not give preferential recommendation for one vaccine type or brand over another.

Vaccine Administration Training

The CDC has developed two new job aids to share with members of your healthcare community to remind those who administer vaccines how to do it correctly. "[Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular \(IM\) Injection Children 7 through 18 years of age](#)" and "[Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular \(IM\) Injection Adults 19 years of age and older](#)" are now available on the [CDC Vaccine Administration](#) page. These products educate and remind providers about proper vaccine administration techniques to help avoid injuries and to promote best immunization practices. These are great tools to use now during influenza season. *Also note, the tools will be updated to include COVID-19 vaccine as soon as a vaccine is authorized for use by FDA.* For more information or other resources please go to [CDC's Vaccine Administration resources page](#).

VAC TRAK

New Version Update for VacTrAK

VacTrAK will be updating to a new version (v5.36.0) soon! The following updates indicate important system changes:

1. Phone number and race/ethnicity will now be required fields in VacTrAK.
2. This version of VacTrAK will be able to utilize a single sign on (SSO) method. When this transition to SSO occurs, it will change the way VacTrAK looks but the functionality will remain the same.

We do have growth charts to distribute to our providers. To order please fill out our [education materials order form](#).

3. Changes have also been made specifically for the vaccination response to COVID-19.
 1. Nursing home was added to the Facility Type drop down list on the *Facility Maintenance*
 2. “Employer” and “Occupation” fields have been added to the *Patient Demographics* page
 3. The Title of EMT and DDS are available in the Title drop-down list when configuring and updating a physician/vaccinator.
4. Known issues in VacTrAK have been repaired
 1. Patient search/add is more consistent and can be added with an address or with just a phone number.
 2. Users can save changes or make edits to a historical vaccination without entering a provider, lot number, and manufacturer information.

If you and your team are interested in participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, please follow the instructions at <http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineProviders.aspx>

You can direct any questions to COVID19vaccine@alaska.gov

As the COVID-19 Vaccination Program begins, the VacTrAK team would like to remind providers that collecting accurate, complete, and timely patient demographic information is critical to the pandemic response. Contact information will be utilized for reminders/recalls, to verify that COVID-19 vaccination series are completed. Race/ethnicity data will be used to ensure equitable allocation of vaccine.

Vaccine Shipment during the holiday season

Vaccine shipments in November and December could experience delays and failures due to:

- Heavier holiday workload for FedEx, UPS and USPS
- Merck and McKesson’s limited holiday shipping schedules
- Weather delays

Submit your vaccine orders now and order enough to last you until January! Review your inventory closely and plan your vaccine orders carefully. **Submit orders by November 25th** for the best chance to receive a vaccine shipment in December. Orders submitted after this date may not be shipped until January.

Do not wait until you are out or almost out of vaccine before placing an order, no matter what time of the year it is. Maintain inventory levels between 4-8 weeks' worth at all times.

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