



Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Preorders

The Ohio Department of Health is now accepting preorders for the new **Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster**. Two waves of preordering are available. Vaccine providers who place an order today can be among the first to receive the first wave of shipments of the new booster targeting both the Omicron strain of the virus and the original strain. Providers who place preorders can have prepositioned vaccine ready for use following anticipated federal approvals.

This ordering window is tight, requiring your immediate attention. Orders will be accepted through 5 p.m. today, Aug. 23, for the first wave of preorders of the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters. Ordering for the Moderna bivalent booster opened Friday.

A second wave of orders will be accepted beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, through noon Monday, Aug. 29.

How to order bivalent COVID-19 vaccine:

- VOMS is open for providers to place orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Wave 1 orders can be placed now until noon, Tuesday, Aug. 23.
- Wave 2 orders can be placed starting Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 8 a.m., through Monday, Aug. 29 at noon.
- The minimum order quantity will be 300 doses for Pfizer and 100 doses for Moderna.
- The new Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster products should be the only product requested in your pre-order. A separate order will need to be created for doses of other already authorized COVID-19 vaccines.
- Doses that are pre-ordered will be processed for delivery following EUA. Expected delivery schedules will be dependent on the actual EUA date and whether it falls before or after Labor Day.
- Vaccine will not be delivered on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.
- 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.
 - Preorders cannot be guaranteed due to limited supply. Please order only what you plan to use in the near future.
 - Preorder 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.
- Once preordering concludes and standard ordering begins, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) warehouse facility will offer 60-dose quantities of the Pfizer bivalent booster.

Next Steps

After the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issues an emergency use authorization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will issue recommendations for use of the new booster doses, then the CDC issues final recommendations and clinical guidance. Once all of these steps are complete,

providers will be authorized to administer the vaccine.

The Board will continue partnering with the Ohio Department of Health to share updates and resources about the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters as available.

[The Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Provider website](#) is a hub for a variety of resources for vaccine providers. Vaccine providers with questions may call the ODH Provider Call Center at 1-844-9ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829) between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays or email COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov.

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