



Dear Providers who Administer Vaccines to Children,

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is preparing for the expected rollout of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (maroon cap Pfizer) for children ages 6 months - 4 years. *The current Pfizer formulations authorized for those aged 12+ years and 5 - 11 years **CANNOT** be used for children aged 6 months - 4 years* Please see this [chart](#) for a side-by-side comparison of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. Upon receipt of information from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on February 7, 2022, CDPHE must submit pre-orders of the pediatric maroon cap Pfizer vaccine to CDC in three waves, **beginning February 10, 2022.**

To prepare for these pre-ordering waves, CDPHE is opening ordering for 6 month - 4 years Pfizer vaccine TODAY. **The initial ordering window will be February 7 through Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. MT.** If your clinic intends to vaccinate children ages 6 months - 4 years during the first week of vaccine rollout, you must place an order either today or tomorrow. All clinics that order in the initial order window must be able to receive vaccine shipments on Monday, February 21, 2022, which is Presidents' Day and a federal holiday.

Shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for ages 6 months – 4 years is planned to begin once the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issues the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). **However, vaccine administration can only begin following the formal recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC.**

We expect to have a limited vaccine supply for the first four weeks or possibly longer. CDPHE will review all vaccine orders submitted during the ordering window to create a vaccine distribution plan for the first week of vaccine rollout for children ages 6 months - 4 years. *Providers are not guaranteed to receive their full order, but we will make every effort to provide maroon cap Pfizer doses to as many providers as possible.* To help us with the vaccine distribution plan, please complete the [provider capacity survey](#) ASAP if you have not done so already.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING: Please order only what your clinic can administer within seven days. Based on information current as of February 6, 2022, it is anticipated that **once a vial is punctured, doses must be administered within 12 hours** This will allow for distribution of maroon cap Pfizer to providers who can administer the vaccine immediately and ensure equitable access for children ages 6 months - 4 years across the state. If your clinic will administer 100 or more doses in the first week, you must place your order in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). If your clinic will administer fewer than 100 doses in the first week, you must place your order in CDPHE's small Pfizer order form. Please see below for more guidance.

Orders of 100 or doses or more

- Orders must be placed using CIIS. View this [job aid](#) for instructions on how to create a COVID vaccine order in CIIS.
- Quantities may be reduced or rejected based on vaccine supply availability.
- Please ensure you are requesting the correct Pfizer vaccine presentation for children ages 6 months - 4 years (maroon cap) when ordering. View this [screenshot](#) for additional guidance.
- Orders of 100 doses or more will be shipped directly from Pfizer to the vaccine provider in a newly updated product shipper at -80°C.

Orders fewer than 100 doses

- Orders must be placed using the current CDPHE [Pfizer small quantity order form](#).
- Please order quantities in 10 dose increments (one pediatric maroon cap Pfizer vial) up to 70 doses.
- Ensure you are requesting the correct Pfizer vaccine presentation for children ages

- 6 months - 4 years (maroon cap) when ordering.
- Orders are transported refrigerated (2° to 8°C) via CDPHE courier in a vaccine transport unit monitored by a digital data logger. Pediatric maroon cap Pfizer vaccine can be stored at refrigerated temperatures for up to ten weeks.
- Ancillary supplies will arrive separately via UPS.

Storage and Handling

- Maroon cap Pfizer vaccine may only be stored at ultra low temperatures (-90° to -60°C) and refrigerated (2°C to 8°C) temperatures.
- **Freezer storage (-25°C to -15°C) will not be permitted.**

Thank you for your attention to this time-sensitive request. Reach out to us at cdphe_covidvax@state.co.us with any questions.

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