

Expired COVID Vaccine Guidance 5.28.2021

CDC is committed to helping jurisdictions and sites effectively and efficiently manage inventory and minimize the number of doses that go unused, including tracking vaccine expiration dates, and using vaccine in a timely manner.

In order to minimize the number of unused expired doses and manage expired doses correctly, we encourage jurisdictions and providers to:

- Monitor expiration dates weekly, rotate stock as needed, and follow a “first in, first out” strategy to manage inventory.
- If nearing expiration, check posted manufacturer information for the most up to date expiration/extension information for vaccine lots.
- Based on the latest expiration information, REMOVE expired vaccine from the storage unit IMMEDIATELY. Do not give staff opportunity to administer expired vaccine.
 - If expired vaccine is inadvertently administered, it is considered a vaccine administration error and requires remediation including a VAERS report, contacting the recipient to inform them of the error, and may or may not require revaccination based on the manufacturers’ guidance. Guidance on vaccine administration errors can be found in Appendix A of the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#).
- Vaccine disposal: dispose of the vaccine vial (with any remaining vaccine) and packaging as medical waste according to your local and state regulations. Contact your jurisdiction’s immunization program (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html>) for guidance. **Do NOT return vaccine in the thermal shipping container.**
- Check your vaccine stock using the [CDC’s Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date webpage](#).
 - Request access to a new COVID-19 Vaccine Lot Number report via CDC’s Vaccine Code Set Management Service (VCSMS). This report includes COVID-19 vaccine lot numbers and expiration dates provided to CDC by the vaccine manufacturers. This report is updated daily and can be used to support vaccine administration, inventory management, and jurisdiction IISs. Complete the registration form on [CDC’s Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date webpage](#) to request access to the report.
 - Review the list of lot numbers below that are set to expire between May 22, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

Report expired vaccine

Please promptly report any expired vaccine. This helps CDC accurately monitor the amount of vaccine in the field. Keep in mind that there are no negative consequences for reporting waste, and it will not negatively impact future allocations. CDC recognizes that unused expired vaccine is a normal part of any vaccination program, especially one of this scope and size.



Resources/References

- [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit include COVID-19 vaccine addendum](#)
- [Identification, Disposal, and Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccine Wastage](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine product web pages and storage and handling summaries](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)

Lot Expiration Information (as of 05/25/21 for lots expiring through 6/13/21. For a complete list please check the [CDC's Vaccine Lot Number and Expiration Date webpage](#))

J&J/Janssen		Moderna		Pfizer	
Lot Number	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Expiration Date
1805025	5/25/2021	029A21A	5/22/2021	EL8982	5/31/2021
1802070	5/25/2021	025J20A	5/25/2021	EL9264	5/31/2021
1805029	5/25/2021	029K20A		EL3302	5/31/2021
1802068	5/25/2021	029K20-2A		EL9269	5/31/2021
1805020	5/25/2021	039K20-2A		EL9263	5/31/2021
1805022	5/25/2021	039K20A		EL9262	5/31/2021
1802072	5/25/2021	037K20A		EL9266	5/31/2021
1805018	5/25/2021	025L20A		EL9267	5/31/2021
1805031	5/26/2021	038K20A		EL9261	5/31/2021
		026L20A		EL9265	5/31/2021
		027L20A		EN5318	5/31/2021
				EL3247	5/31/2021
				EN9581	5/31/2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Labels

<p>Pfizer</p> <p>The expiration date is written on the vial.</p>	
<p>Moderna</p> <p>A QR code on the vial is scanned and a website provides the expiration date.</p>	
<p>J&J/Janssen</p> <p>Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or call 1-800-565-4008, or go to www.vaxcheck.ini</p>	