

MnVFC Announcement

Date: September 7, 2023

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **Prebook for 2023-2024 MnVFC COVID-19 Vaccine**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

It is time to prebook MnVFC COVID-19 vaccine for the 2023-2024 season

In anticipation of the Sept. 12 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) vote on the recommendation for the new 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine, we are opening prebook for the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) COVID-19 doses in MIIC. **The prebook event will open on Sept. 8 and run through Sept. 22.**

To access the prebook event, please log into MIIC and click “request special event vaccine”, then select the 2023-2024 COVID-19 MnVFC pediatric vaccine prebook event from the dropdown menu.

Prebook guidance

We are asking you to submit a prebook request that reflects your need for the **entire 2023-2024 season**. Your organization may want to wait until the ACIP meeting concludes to prebook your vaccine. Once vaccine prebook orders are placed in MIIC, they cannot be changed without contacting us.

If you have storage limitations that prevent you from receiving your entire prebook order at once, please write the maximum number of doses you can receive each week in the special instructions field.

Vaccine shipping

MnVFC COVID-19 vaccine will begin shipping after receiving the ACIP recommendation. We plan to place regular, weekly orders starting Sept. 13 as supply allows. We anticipate that COVID-19 vaccine will roll out similarly to flu vaccine with a small amount of vaccine available early and more vaccine becoming available each week. Please expect to receive your prebook order in several small shipments throughout the season.

Borrowing from private stock

Borrowing is allowable for COVID-19 vaccine. This means that if you are waiting on MnVFC doses to arrive, but you have private pediatric COVID-19 vaccine doses, you may use a private dose for a MnVFC eligible patient and replace the dose once your MnVFC shipment arrives. The opposite is also allowable; if you do not have private stock but you do have MnVFC stock, you may borrow a dose of MnVFC stock to use on the insured patient and replace the dose the private stock is available. Please be sure to record all instances of borrowing on the vaccine borrowing report at [Vaccine Management Forms \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/forms.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/forms.html).

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