



# Special Protocol Vaccination Administration By Ohio EMS Providers



Vaccination is a critical action to prevent the acquisition and spread of disease. In Ohio, EMS providers have repeatedly demonstrated that they are a vital sector within the healthcare system.

The State Board of Emergency, Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS Board) passed the following motion on August 19, 2020:

***The Board recognizes that EMS certificate holders are permitted to administer vaccinations so long as the route of administration is within the scope of practice and the certificate holder administers the vaccine pursuant to medical direction and training on the specific vaccine, which includes adherence to the recommendations and instructions of the Food and Drug Administration.***

As highlighted by the current COVID-19 pandemic, our healthcare system resources are finite. Initiatives that prevent avoidable hospitalizations, including immunization against infectious diseases, enhances the surge capacity of our hospitals. This fall the influenza season will intersect with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Although Ohio's public health emergency was declared due to the COVID-19 virus, an influenza outbreak would most certainly hamper our healthcare systems' response to the pandemic and decrease hospital bed capacity.

The EMFTS Board's motion allows all EMS providers to administer the influenza vaccine according to the requirements and parameters stated. It will also allow EMS providers to administer a COVID-19 vaccine. In the future, our nation may be threatened by a different set of pathogens; however, the action taken by the EMFTS Board has ensured that Ohio EMS will be authorized to participate in the imperative public health mission of vaccination administration.

## **Declaration of Emergency by the Governor**

Ohio Administrative Code: 4765-6-03

- Defined parameters or restrictions that may include, but are not limited to:
  - Specific pathogen, illness, or other identified threats to the public health
  - Age of persons to receive the vaccine
  - Ohio EMS certification levels authorized to participate
  - Duration of declared emergency



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## Requirements

- Appropriate training for the specified vaccine prior to participating in its administration
- Physician medical direction
- Certified Ohio EMS providers may not exceed the Ohio EMS Scope of practice authorized by the EMFTS Board regardless of any training and protocols provided by the local EMS medical director

### State of Ohio Paramedic Scope of Practice:

\*(Reference LCEMS protocol for medication delivery route)

§ \*Intramuscular injections (IM): Tab 500, Section P

§ \*Intranasal administration (IN): Tab 500, Section Q

§ \*Subcutaneous injections (SQ): Tab 500, Section KK

## Liability Protections

- Agent or employee of an Ohio EMS agency
- Federal declaration of emergency
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

## Vaccine Administration

The Lucas County EMS Medical Director does authorize LCEMS paramedics who comply with the training and documentation components of this special protocol, to participate in vaccine administration at vaccination sites in Ohio.

**Volunteer Standby:** Paramedics, under authorization of the LCEMS Medical Director, may provide standby service at vaccination sites as a voluntary public service utilizing LCEMS Medical protocol. Paramedics will confirm with event organizers that notification to local EMS agencies has occurred regarding time and location of such events.

- Volunteers ***must*** enroll in the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) thru the Toledo Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) and complete a profile on the Ohio Responds website (<https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/>). All information entered into the volunteer profile is contained in a secure database and will be kept confidential. This process is what provides your additional liability protection under the MRC.
- Toledo Lucas County Health Department contact: Eileen Thompson ([thompson@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:thompson@co.lucas.oh.us)).



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**On-Duty Standby:** LCEMS Paramedics who are detailed by their employer to standby at a Lucas County vaccination site are also permitted to function under LCEMS medical protocols

Equipment that must be available at a standby site would include at a minimum:

- Injectable epinephrine;
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl);
- Airway adjuncts (including ventilation equipment);
- AED or ECG Monitor/defibrillator;
- Pulse oximetry;
- Stethoscope;
- BP cuff;
- PPE;
- Portable radio capable of contacting LCEMS dispatch to request emergency response from EMS.

Equipment availability must be confirmed in advance of scheduled service dates if obtaining thru LCEMS Annex.

## **Appendix (Attachments):**

- **Appendix A: Fact Sheet – Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**
- **Appendix B: Fact Sheet – Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**
- **Appendix C: LCEMS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Attestation Statements**

# **Appendix A:**

## **Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet**

**FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING VACCINE  
(VACCINATION PROVIDERS)**

**EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF  
THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product, **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**, for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.

**SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDERS**

Vaccination providers enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program must report all vaccine administration errors, all serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults and children, and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. See **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION** for reporting requirements.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is a suspension for intramuscular injection administered as a series of two doses (0.3 mL each) 3 weeks apart.

See this Fact Sheet for instructions for preparation and administration. This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please see [www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com).

For information on clinical trials that are testing the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for active immunization against COVID-19, please see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

**DESCRIPTION OF COVID-19**

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, that appeared in late 2019. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Storage and Handling

During storage, minimize exposure to room light, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight and ultraviolet light.

Do not refreeze thawed vials.

#### Frozen Vials Prior to Use

Cartons of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Multiple Dose Vials arrive in thermal containers with dry ice. Once received, remove the vial cartons immediately from the thermal container and store in an ultra-low temperature freezer between -80°C to -60°C (-112°F to -76°F). Vials must be kept frozen between -80°C to -60°C (-112°F to -76°F) and protected from light until ready to use.

If an ultra-low temperature freezer is not available, the thermal container in which the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine arrives may be used as temporary storage when consistently re-filled to the top of the container with dry ice. Refer to the re-icing guidelines packed in the original thermal container for instructions regarding the use of the thermal container for temporary storage. The thermal container maintains a temperature range of -90°C to -60°C (-130°F to -76°F). Storage within this temperature range is not considered an excursion from the recommended storage condition.

#### Thawed Vials Before Dilution

##### *Thawed Under Refrigeration*

Thaw and then store undiluted vials in the refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)] for up to 5 days (120 hours). A carton of 25 vials or 195 vials may take up to 2 or 3 hours, respectively, to thaw in the refrigerator, whereas a fewer number of vials will thaw in less time.

##### *Thawed at Room Temperature*

For immediate use, thaw undiluted vials at room temperature [up to 25°C (77°F)] for 30 minutes. Thawed vials can be handled in room light conditions. Vials must reach room temperature before dilution.

Undiluted vials may be stored at room temperature for no more than 2 hours.

### Vials After Dilution

- After dilution, store vials between 2°C to 25°C (35°F to 77°F) and use within 6 hours from the time of dilution.
- During storage, minimize exposure to room light, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight and ultraviolet light.
- Any vaccine remaining in vials must be discarded after 6 hours.
- Do not refreeze.

### **Dosing and Schedule**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered intramuscularly as a series of two doses (0.3 mL each) 3 weeks apart.

There are no data available on the interchangeability of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines to complete the vaccination series. Individuals who have received one dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine should receive a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to complete the vaccination series.

### Dose Preparation

#### *Prior to Dilution*


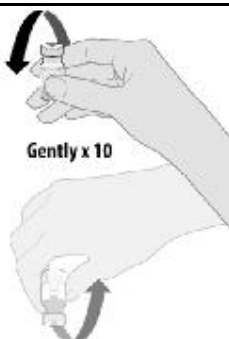
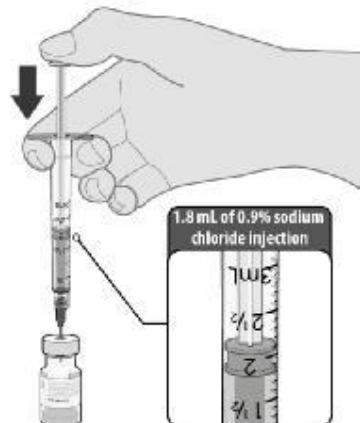
- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Multiple Dose Vial contains a volume of 0.45 mL, supplied as a frozen suspension that does not contain preservative. Each vial must be thawed and diluted prior to administration.
- Vials may be thawed in the refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)] or at room temperature [up to 25°C (77°F)] (see *Storage and Handling*).
- Refer to thawing instructions in the panels below.

#### *Dilution*

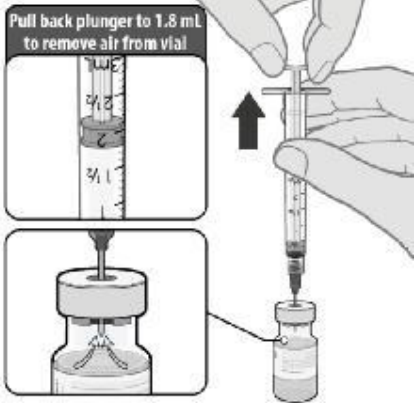

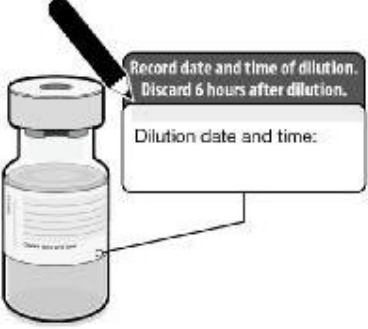
Dilute the vial contents using 1.8 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP (not provided) to form the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. ONLY use 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP as the diluent. This diluent is not packaged with the vaccine and must be sourced separately. Do not use bacteriostatic 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection or any other diluent. Do not add more than 1.8 mL of diluent.

After dilution, one vial contains 6 doses of 0.3 mL. Vial labels and cartons may state that after dilution, a vial contains 5 doses of 0.3 mL. The information in this Fact Sheet regarding the number of doses per vial after dilution supersedes the number of doses stated on vial labels and cartons.

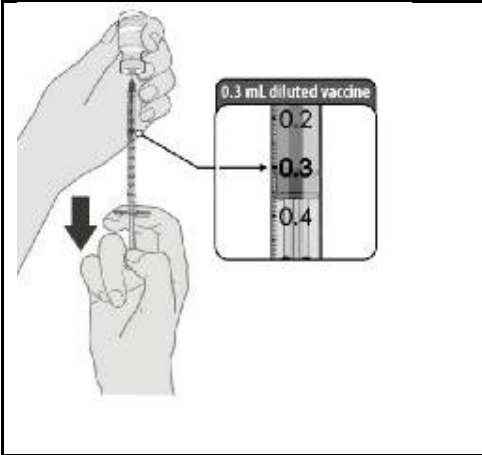
- Refer to dilution and dose preparation instructions in the panels below.

THAWING PRIOR TO DILUTION	
 <p data-bbox="535 535 747 682"><b>No more than 2 hours at room temperature (up to 25°C / 77°F)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thaw vial(s) of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine before use either by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allowing vial(s) to thaw in the refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)]. A carton of vials may take up to 3 hours to thaw, and thawed vials can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days (120 hours).</li> <li>○ Allowing vial(s) to sit at room temperature [up to 25°C (77°F)] for 30 minutes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Using either thawing method, vials must reach room temperature before dilution and must be diluted within 2 hours.</li> </ul>
 <p data-bbox="446 997 535 1029"><b>Gently x 10</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before dilution invert vaccine vial gently 10 times.</li> <li>• <u>Do not shake.</u></li> <li>• Inspect the liquid in the vial prior to dilution. The liquid is a white to off-white suspension and may contain white to off-white opaque amorphous particles.</li> <li>• Do not use if liquid is discolored or if other particles are observed.</li> </ul>
DILUTION	
 <p data-bbox="535 1480 698 1522"><b>1.8 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride injection</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. Use only this as the diluent.</li> <li>• Using aseptic technique, withdraw 1.8 mL of diluent into a transfer syringe (21-gauge or narrower needle).</li> <li>• Cleanse the vaccine vial stopper with a single-use antiseptic swab.</li> <li>• Add 1.8 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP into the vaccine vial.</li> </ul>



 <p>Pull back plunger to 1.8 mL to remove air from vial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equalize vial pressure before removing the needle from the vial by withdrawing 1.8 mL air into the empty diluent syringe.</li> </ul>
 <p>Gently x 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gently invert the vial containing the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 10 times to mix.</li> <li>• <u>Do not shake.</u></li> <li>• Inspect the vaccine in the vial.</li> <li>• The vaccine will be an off-white suspension. Do not use if vaccine is discolored or contains particulate matter.</li> </ul>
 <p>Record date and time of dilution. Discard 6 hours after dilution. Dilution date and time:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record the date and time of dilution on the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine vial label.</li> <li>• Store between 2°C to 25°C (35°F to 77°F).</li> <li>• Discard any unused vaccine 6 hours after dilution.</li> </ul>

## PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL 0.3 mL DOSES OF PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE



- Using aseptic technique, cleanse the vial stopper with a single-use antiseptic swab, and withdraw 0.3 mL of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine preferentially using a low dead-volume syringe and/or needle.
- Each dose must contain 0.3 mL of vaccine.
- If the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial cannot provide a full dose of 0.3 mL, discard the vial and any excess volume.
- Administer immediately.

### Administration

Visually inspect each dose in the dosing syringe prior to administration. The vaccine will be an off-white suspension. During the visual inspection,

- verify the final dosing volume of 0.3 mL.
- confirm there are no particulates and that no discoloration is observed.
- do not administer if vaccine is discolored or contains particulate matter.

Administer the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine intramuscularly.

After dilution, vials of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine contain six doses of 0.3mL of vaccine. Low dead-volume syringes and/or needles can be used to extract six doses from a single vial. If standard syringes and needles are used, there may not be sufficient volume to extract a sixth dose from a single vial. Irrespective of the type of syringe and needle:

- Each dose must contain 0.3 mL of vaccine.
- If the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial cannot provide a full dose of 0.3 mL, discard the vial and content.
- Do not pool excess vaccine from multiple vials.

### Contraindications

Do not administer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with known history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (*see Full EUA Prescribing Information*).

### Warnings

Appropriate medical treatment used to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs

following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Monitor Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine recipients for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/>).

Immunocompromised persons, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, may have a diminished immune response to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients.

### **Adverse Reactions**

Adverse reactions following the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine that have been reported in clinical trials include injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, fever, injection site swelling, injection site redness, nausea, malaise, and lymphadenopathy (*see Full EUA Prescribing Information*).

Severe allergic reactions have been reported following the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials.

Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

### **Use with Other Vaccines**

There is no information on the co-administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

### **INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO VACCINE RECIPIENTS/CAREGIVERS**

As the vaccination provider, you must communicate to the recipient or their caregiver, information consistent with the Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers (and provide a copy or direct the individual to the website [www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com) to obtain the Fact Sheet) prior to the individual receiving Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, including:

- FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which is not an FDA-approved vaccine.
- The recipient or their caregiver has the option to accept or refuse Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
- The significant known and potential risks and benefits of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and the extent to which such risks and benefits are unknown.
- Information about available alternative vaccines and the risks and benefits of those alternatives.

For information on clinical trials that are testing the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19, please see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

Provide a vaccination card to the recipient or their caregiver with the date when the recipient needs to return for the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

Provide the v-safe information sheet to vaccine recipients/caregivers and encourage vaccine recipients to participate in v-safe. V-safe is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

#### **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION**

In order to mitigate the risks of using this unapproved product under EUA and to optimize the potential benefit of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, the following items are required. Use of unapproved Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 under this EUA is limited to the following (all requirements **must** be met):

1. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized for use in individuals 16 years of age and older.
2. The vaccination provider must communicate to the individual receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or their caregiver, information consistent with the Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers prior to the individual receiving Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
3. The vaccination provider must include vaccination information in the state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system.
4. The vaccination provider is responsible for mandatory reporting of the following to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS):
  - vaccine administration errors whether or not associated with an adverse event,
  - serious adverse events\* (irrespective of attribution to vaccination),
  - cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults and children, and
  - cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death.

Complete and submit reports to VAERS online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. For further assistance with reporting

to VAERS call 1-800-822-7967. The reports should include the words Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA in the description section of the report.

5. The vaccination provider is responsible for responding to FDA requests for information about vaccine administration errors, adverse events, cases of MIS in adults and children, and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to recipients.

\* Serious adverse events are defined as:

- Death;
- A life-threatening adverse event;
- Inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization;
- A persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions;
- A congenital anomaly/birth defect;
- An important medical event that based on appropriate medical judgement may jeopardize the individual and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above.

#### **OTHER ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING TO VAERS AND PFIZER INC.**

Vaccination providers may report to VAERS other adverse events that are not required to be reported using the contact information above.


To the extent feasible, report adverse events to Pfizer Inc. using the contact information below or by providing a copy of the VAERS form to Pfizer Inc.

<b>Website</b>	<b>Fax number</b>	<b>Telephone number</b>
<a href="http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com">www.pfizersafetyreporting.com</a>	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For general questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

Global website	Telephone number
<p data-bbox="412 625 683 655"><a href="http://www.cvdvaccine.com">www.cvdvaccine.com</a></p> 	<p data-bbox="954 667 1170 739">1-877-829-2619 (1-877-VAX-CO19)</p>

## AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES

There is no approved alternative vaccine to prevent COVID-19. There may be clinical trials or availability under EUA of other COVID-19 vaccines.

## AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF THE EUA

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has declared a public health emergency that justifies the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, FDA has issued an EUA for the unapproved product, Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, for active immunization against COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.

FDA issued this EUA, based on Pfizer-BioNTech's request and submitted data.

Although limited scientific information is available, based on the totality of the scientific evidence available to date, it is reasonable to believe that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be effective for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals as specified in the *Full EUA Prescribing Information*.

This EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will end when the Secretary of HHS determines that the circumstances justifying the EUA no longer exist or when there is a change in the approval status of the product such that an EUA is no longer needed.

For additional information about Emergency Use Authorization visit FDA at: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.

## The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that has been created to help pay for related costs of medical care and other specific expenses to compensate people injured after use of certain medical countermeasures. Medical countermeasures are specific vaccines, medications, devices, or other items used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the public during a public health emergency or a security threat. For more information about CICP regarding the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine used to prevent COVID-19, visit [www.hrsa.gov/cicp](http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp), email [cicp@hrsa.gov](mailto:cicp@hrsa.gov), or call: 1-855-266-2427.



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# **Appendix B:**

## **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet**



**FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING  
VACCINE (VACCINATION PROVIDERS)  
EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF  
THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019  
(COVID-19)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product, **MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE**, for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

**SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION PROVIDERS**

Vaccination providers enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program must report all vaccine administration errors, all serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults, and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. See “MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION” for reporting requirements.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is a suspension for intramuscular injection administered as a series of two doses (0.5 mL each) 1 month apart.

See this Fact Sheet for instructions for preparation and administration. This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please see [www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua](http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua).

For information on clinical trials that are testing the use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for active immunization against COVID-19, please see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

**DESCRIPTION OF COVID-19**

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, that appeared in late 2019. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle and body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Storage and Handling**

The storage and handling information in this Fact Sheet supersedes the storage and handling information on the vial and carton labels.

### Storage Prior to Use

#### *As Displayed on the Vial Labels and Cartons*

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine multiple-dose vials are stored frozen between -25° to -15°C (-13° to 5°F). Store in the original carton to protect from light.

#### *Additional Storage Information Not Displayed on the Vial Labels and Cartons*

Do not store on dry ice or below -40°C (-40°F).

Vials can be stored refrigerated between 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) for up to 30 days prior to first use.

Unpunctured vials may be stored between 8° to 25°C (46° to 77°F) for up to 12 hours.

Do not refreeze once thawed.

### Storage After First Puncture of the Vaccine Vial

After the first dose has been withdrawn, the vial should be held between 2° to 25°C (36° to 77°F). Discard vial after 6 hours. Do not refreeze.

### **Dosing and Schedule**

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is administered intramuscularly as a series of two doses (0.5 mL each) 1 month apart.

There are no data available on the interchangeability of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines to complete the vaccination series. Individuals who have received one dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should receive a second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to complete the vaccination series.

### **Dose Preparation**

- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine multiple-dose vial contains a frozen suspension that does not contain a preservative and must be thawed prior to administration.
- Remove the required number of vial(s) from storage and thaw each vial before use.
- Thaw in refrigerated conditions between 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) for 2 hours and 30 minutes. After thawing, let vial stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before administering.
- Alternatively, thaw at room temperature between 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F) for 1 hour.
- After thawing, do not refreeze.
- Swirl vial gently after thawing and between each withdrawal. **Do not shake.** Do not dilute the vaccine.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is a white to off-white suspension. It may contain white or translucent product-related particulates. Visually inspect the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine vials for other particulate matter and/or discoloration prior to administration.

If either of these conditions exists, the vaccine should not be administered.

- Each dose is 0.5 mL.
- After the first dose has been withdrawn, the vial should be held between 2° to 25°C (36° to 77°F). Record the date and time of first use on the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine vial label. Discard vial after 6 hours. Do not refreeze.

### **Administration**

Visually inspect each dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in the dosing syringe prior to administration. The white to off-white suspension may contain white or translucent product-related particulates. During the visual inspection,

- verify the final dosing volume of 0.5 mL.
- confirm there are no other particulates and that no discoloration is observed.
- do not administer if vaccine is discolored or contains other particulate matter.

Administer the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine intramuscularly.

### **CONTRAINDICATION**

Do not administer the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with a known history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (*see Full EUA Prescribing Information*).

### **WARNINGS**

Appropriate medical treatment to manage immediate allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

Monitor Moderna COVID-19 vaccine recipients for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines

(<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/>).

Immunocompromised persons, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, may have a diminished immune response to the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients.

### **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Adverse reactions reported in a clinical trial following administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, chills, nausea/vomiting, axillary swelling/tenderness, fever, swelling at the injection site, and erythema at the injection site. (*See Full EUA Prescribing Information*)

Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

## **USE WITH OTHER VACCINES**

There is no information on the co-administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

## **INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO VACCINE RECIPIENTS/CAREGIVERS**

As the vaccination provider, you must communicate to the recipient or their caregiver, information consistent with the “Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers” (and provide a copy or direct the individual to the website [www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua](http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua) to obtain the Fact Sheet) prior to the individual receiving the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, including:

- FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, which is not an FDA-approved vaccine.
- The recipient or their caregiver has the option to accept or refuse the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- The significant known and potential risks and benefits of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, and the extent to which such risks and benefits are unknown.
- Information about available alternative vaccines and the risks and benefits of those alternatives

For information on clinical trials that are evaluating the use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19, please see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

Provide a vaccination card to the recipient or their caregiver with the date when the recipient needs to return for the second dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

Provide the **v-safe** information sheet to vaccine recipients/caregivers and encourage vaccine recipients to participate in **v-safe**. **V-safe** is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. **V-safe** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

## **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION**

In order to mitigate the risks of using this unapproved product under EUA and to optimize the potential benefit of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, the following items are required. Use of unapproved Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 under this EUA is limited to the following (all requirements **must** be met):

1. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized for use in individuals 18 years of age and older.
2. The vaccination provider must communicate to the individual receiving the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or their caregiver, information consistent with the “Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers” prior to the individual receiving the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

3. The vaccination provider must include vaccination information in the state/local jurisdiction’s Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system.
4. The vaccination provider is responsible for mandatory reporting of the following to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS):
  - vaccine administration errors whether or not associated with an adverse event,
  - serious adverse events\* (irrespective of attribution to vaccination),
  - cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) in adults, and
  - cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death.

Complete and submit reports to VAERS online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. For further assistance with reporting to VAERS, call 1-800-822-7967. The reports should include the words “Moderna COVID- 19 Vaccine EUA” in the description section of the report.

5. The vaccination provider is responsible for responding to FDA requests for information about vaccine administration errors, adverse events, cases of MIS in adults and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death following administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to recipients.

\* Serious adverse events are defined as:

- Death;
- A life-threatening adverse event;
- Inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization;
- A persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions;
- A congenital anomaly/birth defect;
- An important medical event that based on appropriate medical judgement may jeopardize the individual and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above.

**OTHER ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING TO VAERS AND MODERNATX, INC.**

Vaccination providers may report to VAERS other adverse events that are not required to be reported using the contact information above.


To the extent feasible, report adverse events to ModernaTX, Inc. using the contact information below or by providing a copy of the VAERS form to ModernaTX, Inc.

Email	Fax number	Telephone number
<a href="mailto:ModernaPV@modernatx.com">ModernaPV@modernatx.com</a>	1-866-599-1342	1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For general questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code or visit the website provided below.

Website	Telephone number
<p data-bbox="282 552 769 579"><a href="http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua">www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua</a></p> 	<p data-bbox="964 552 1182 611">1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762)</p>

**AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES**

There is no approved alternative vaccine to prevent COVID-19. There may be clinical trials or availability under EUA of other COVID-19 vaccines.

**AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF THE EUA**

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has declared a public health emergency that justifies the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In response, the FDA has issued an EUA for the unapproved product, Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

FDA issued this EUA, based on ModernaTX, Inc.’s request and submitted data.

Although limited scientific information is available, based on the totality of the scientific evidence available to date, it is reasonable to believe that the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be effective for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals as specified in the *Full EUA Prescribing Information*.

This EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine will end when the Secretary of HHS determines that the circumstances justifying the EUA no longer exist or when there is a change in the approval status of the product such that an EUA is no longer needed.

For additional information about Emergency Use Authorization visit FDA at: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.

**COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that has been created to help pay for related costs of medical care and other specific expenses to compensate people injured after use of certain medical countermeasures. Medical countermeasures are

specific vaccines, medications, devices, or other items used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the public during a public health emergency or a security threat. For more information about CICIP regarding the vaccines to prevent COVID-19, visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp>, email [cicp@hrsa.gov](mailto:cicp@hrsa.gov), or call: 1-855-266-2427.

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# **Appendix C:**

## **LCEMS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Attestation Statements**



# LCEMS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Attestation Statements

<b>Vaccination Site (Facility):</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City, Zip Code:</b>	

- I attest that I have reviewed, and have become familiar, with the LCEMS Special Protocol for Vaccination Administration by Ohio EMS Providers and the policy/procedural requirements contained within.
  
- I attest that I have reviewed, and have become familiar with the specific vaccine fact sheets for the following COVID-19 vaccines:
  - **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine**
  - **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine**
  
- I attest that I maintain current certification as a paramedic within the State of Ohio, familiar with the scope of practice for paramedics in the State of Ohio, and have been trained in the administration of medications by the following routes:
  - Intramuscular injection (IM)
  - Intranasal medication administration (IN)
  - Subcutaneous injection (SQ)

<b>Paramedic Name (printed):</b>	
<b>Paramedic Signature:</b>	
<b>Ohio Paramedic Cert #:</b>	