

COVID vaccine Maryland

IPMD plan to lobby for members

How distribution will work in MD

Phase 1A:

- Front line hospital staff and healthcare workers
- Nursing home residents and staff
- Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS
- **All** licensed, registered and certified health care providers
- Correctional health care staff and officers
- Front line judiciary staff



Phase 1B

- Assisted living, other congregate settings
- Adults age 75 and older
- Education and continuity of government



Phase 1C

- Adults age 65-74
- Essential workers in lab services, agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, etc



Phase 2

- Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
- Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc



Phase 3

General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

Minimum age is 16yr. Not recommended for pregnant women, wait 14 days between vaccines (CDC guideline)

IPMD's plan

- Collect Member pharmacy data
- Use list of pharmacies for MD residents to choose from.
- Collect resident data and phase they may belong to
- Lobby the governor for vaccine to be distributed to us first.
- Whether pharmacy gets vaccine or not, data collected so far will be distributed weekly-biweekly to respective pharmacies.

Why Vaccinate?

- Pandemic has left communities hollowed out. We all need to help stop it. So first and foremost, it is our civic duty as trained professionals to help our Government fight this.
- Vaccinating all 6mil MD residents or even 3-4mil to reach herd immunity is not easy. Its 2 doses!!!Government needs all tools.
- Your patients must be asking!! Why not ensure you get a supply so you can help your own patients. DON'T make them go hunting.
- Helping Government, helping community and gaining goodwill

Why Vaccinate?

- Financial incentive – CMS admin fee for 1st dose \$16.94 & 2nd dose \$28.39 or if single dose vaccine \$28.39.
- Private insurances, Medicaid will most likely also pay similar or slightly lower Admin fee.
- Typical pharmacy 400Rx/wk volume
- 200-400 vaccines/month x Avg \$22/vaccine = \$4.4-8.8K/month
Revenue not subject to clawbacks or DIR fees by PBM.
- Gain new customers, market to new customers, showcase pharmacy.

How do I participate?

Fee billing	Medicare	Medical billers	For Maryland	CDC needs	Equipment	Train
Admin fee can be billed to Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance. For uninsured, there is a portal to submit.	Register with Medicare as "Roster biller" https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do#headingLv1	Work with a biller like FDS or Change Healthcare/Omniscia to bill Medicare and do Medical billing for private insurance plans.	Register on Immunet Maryland. https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OID/EOR/IMMUN/Pages/providerenrollmentform.aspx	Register with Vaccinefinder.org https://locating.health/register	Buy freezer (1.1-2.1cuft) and wifi temp monitor or data logger (reqd)	Train yourself and staff on storage, handling of COVID vaccines.

Vaccine Supplies, storage and handling

Supplies Provided

Vaccine comes with Syringes with needles 23G, Alcohol swabs, set of face shields, masks, gloves.

Supplies needed

- EPIPEN (3x2boxes) Addtl syringes to a/c wastage, Sharps containers, gloves diff sizes, privacy screens, cotton swabs.
- 1.1 to 2.1 CuFt Freezer will hold 300-400 doses of Moderna vaccine (\$160 on Amazon), Calibrated temp data logger.
- Pfizer provides a special container to store vaccine at ultra cold temp for 30days with dry ice replenishment q5days.

Common elements of Handling current mRNA vaccines

1. DO NOT REFREEZE
2. DO NOT SHAKE vials, mRNA is fragile and may cause it to be damaged.
3. Thawing process can take 1hr at room temperature and 2-3hrs in fridge
4. Once vial is opened, it has to be used or discarded quickly. SO PLAN and ensure all doses will be delivered before opening.

Moderna Multidose vials

- Each dose is 0.5ml and vial may give 10.5 doses. 2 dose series 28 day apart
- Frozen between -25° to -15°C (-13° to 5°F). Store in the original carton to protect from light. Do not store on dry ice or below -40°C (-40°F). EXPIRATION DATE NOT PROVIDED.
- Refrigerated between 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) for up to 30 days prior to first use. Do not refreeze once thawed. Remember you have to thaw the vaccine for 2-3hrs before use. Cannot take out of freezer and use.
- Unpunctured vials may be stored between 8° to 25°C (46° to 77°F) for up to 12 hours. Do not refreeze.
- 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.

Vaccine Supplies, storage and handling

Pfizer/BioNtech COVID vaccine

- Multidose vials + 0.9% saline diluent – each dose 0.3ml, vial may have 6 doses. 2 dose series 21 days apart.
- The minimum order size and increment for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is 195 multidose vials (1 tray) per order (1000doses). A thermal shipping container can hold up to 5 trays or 975 multidose vials (5000 doses).
- Ultra-cold freezer between -80°C and -60°C (-112°F and -76°F) up to the expiration date.
- Thermal shipping container using the Controlant Temperature Monitoring Device (TMD). Maintain the appropriate temperature by adding dry ice to the shipping container according to the manufacturer’s guidance. A kit to support one replenishment of the dry ice in the thermal shipping container will be provided within 24 hours of vaccine receipt. It will contain:
Dry ice- Gloves for working with dry ice (1 pair)-Face shield (1)-Ice scoop (1)-OSHA dry ice safety card (1)
- Refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 5 days (120 hours).
- Determine the number of vials/doses needed before opening the thermal shipping container. Open the thermal shipping container **no more than twice per day for up to 3 minutes at a time**. Use vaccine vials stored in the refrigerator before removing additional vials from storage.
- Vial is good for 6 hours once mixed.

Scheduling

- Storage/handling requirements make appointment system important.
- Use sites like Bookedin or those provided by PSAO's. Request as little information online so avoid HIPAA requirement.
- A schedule of 10-15min/dose works best per pharmacist
- Update your VAR to include COVID screening questions or use the CDC pre-screening checklist.
- Provide EUA handout for patients or links for appropriate vaccines.
- Ensure you have a DO-NOT-WASTE list so you can call people last minute who want vaccine but were not able to book ahead.
- Immunet reporting to be done within 24hr of vaccine delivery.
- Faster delivery or using up will ensure you get more vaccine.

Resources

- Moderna and Pfizer fact sheets for providers

<https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/eua-fact-sheet-providers.pdf>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download>

- Moderna Fact sheet for Patients/Caregivers- need to be given or link shared online

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>

- CDC COVID vaccine pre-screening checklist – need to incorp in VAR or use separetly

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>

- CDC website on COVID vaccines is excellent source of information and FAQ's

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Resources – wording for website/social

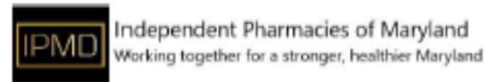
- Wording on your website or social media for IPMD survey:

“Independent Pharmacy association of Maryland is lobbying our government to release the COVID vaccine to small mom-pop pharmacies. We want to help our government & community get protected and stop the spread of this disease. If you are interested in getting the vaccine at our pharmacy, click the link below and complete the survey. You will be contacted as soon as we get the vaccine to schedule an appointment.

<https://www.ipmdunited.org/covid-vaccine>”

Resources – Flyer for patients at pharmacy

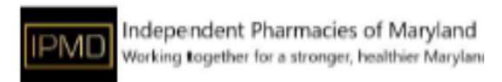
- A flyer will be available for download on IPMD website.
- Simply download, make copies, cut in 4 pcs and attach to Rx bags for each patient.



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