

## FAQs for Monroe County Department of Public Health Vaccine Redistribution

This communication is intended to serve as an informational tool only to support providers who may seek redistribution of COVID-19 vaccines from the Monroe County Department of Public Health. All redistributions are subject to New York State Department of Health requirements and guidance governing the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Program and all other applicable laws, regulations, and guidance, including CDC and FDA guidance and applicable Emergency Use Authorizations. Providers should review the applicable guidance closely and consult their counsel for legal advice.

- Who can request vaccine from the county?
  - Any practice that is registered with NYSDOH as a COVID vaccine provider with a COVID pin can request vaccine from the county. If you haven't yet signed up as a vaccine provider, you can find the instructions here: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information-providers>
- How can the practice receive vaccine?
  - Email [joysnyder@monroecounty.gov](mailto:joysnyder@monroecounty.gov) with your request of manufacturer and doses.
- Is there a minimum quantity?
  - Our minimum quantity is limited by the vial.
    - Pfizer – 6 doses/vial
    - Moderna – 10 doses/vial
    - Janssen – 5 doses/vial
- How is the vaccine stored? Each vaccine must be stored subject to its EUA. For purposes of redistribution and use by primary care providers:
  - Pfizer can be stored in refrigerated conditions (2-8C) for 1 month. If you are able to transport and store frozen (-25C to -15C), the vaccine can stay in frozen conditions for 2 weeks and then placed in refrigerator for 1 month.
  - Moderna can be stored in refrigerated conditions (2-8C) for 30 days.
  - Janssen can be stored in refrigerated conditions (2-8C) until expiration.
- How is vaccine delivered?
  - The vaccine needs to be picked up. Pick up requires a temperature monitored cooler in refrigerated conditions (or frozen conditions if you want to keep Pfizer in the frozen state).
- How quickly do I need to use the vaccine?
  - New York State has recently lifted its 7-day use-it-or-lose-it policy. This means that vaccine use is limited only to its storage conditions at this time.
- Are supplies included with the vaccine?
  - Yes, vaccine is accompanied by administration needles and syringes, alcohol swabs, dilution saline and syringes (if Pfizer), and COVID vaccination cards
- Do I have to request the 2<sup>nd</sup> doses separately?
  - No, the 2<sup>nd</sup> doses will be redistributed at the appropriate follow-up time.
- Are the EUA information and V-safe sheets included?
  - No, these will need to be provided by the practice. They are available at the following links:
    - EUA information for recipients: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html>
    - V-safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe/printresources.html>

- Who can I vaccinate?
  - Any eligible person. Effective May 13, all individuals that reside, study, or work in New York age 12 and older are eligible to be vaccinated.
  
- What do I have to report?
  - Vaccinations must be reported to NYSIIS.