

# Immunization Program



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## Pfizer's Additional 6<sup>th</sup> Dose Now Approved, EUA Amended

### What to Expect with this New Authorization



It has been noted that healthcare workers administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine have been able to extract a sixth dose from the vial originally labeled for five doses. This appears to be possible in most vials, depending on the type of needle or syringe used for administration, such as dead-volume needles/syringes or retractable needle syringes. In January, FDA amended the Emergency Use Authorization to reflect the additional dose and McKesson has now increased the individual Pfizer ancillary kit contents from a kit that supported 975 doses to a kit supporting 1170 doses.

**Ordering:** Beginning the week of February 16 allocations provided to states will be based on the six-dose yield. Allocations listed in ASIIS will continue to reflect the 195 vials per tray; however, the dosage will now total 1,170. (195 vials x 6 doses = 1,170)

**Ancillary kits:** The CDC is working to add the additional supplies to the ancillary kits. Arizona providers may already be receiving the increased ancillary kits which will contain supplies necessary to deliver the additional doses. While the number of syringes in each ancillary box will increase to support six doses, this does not necessarily guarantee that every vial will yield six doses. Only low dead-volume syringes and/or needles will consistently ensure extraction of 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.

**Dosage/Administration:** *Please note that irrespective of the type of syringe and needle that is used, each dose must contain **0.3 mL** of vaccine. If the amount in the vial cannot provide a full sixth dose of 0.3 mL, the vial and content should be discarded. **Excess vaccine should never be pooled from multiple vials to make up a full dose.***



**Reporting to ASIIS:** Providers will continue to report vaccination to ASIIS as usual. When Pfizer COVID-19 inventory becomes negative, providers should make corrections in ASIIS using the [Correcting Negative COVID-19 Lot](#) instructions.

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Additional Resources:

[CDC Product Information Guide for COVID-19 Vaccines and Associated Products](#)

[Pfizer EUA Information and Fact Sheet](#)

[CDC Clinical Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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