

4-29-21 COVID-19 Update for Local Partners Q&A

<p>Could you please discuss the age change for the vaccination? KS-HAN released something on Friday that states it can be given to those 16 and older however I have not seen it posted anywhere else</p>	<p>Pfizer Vaccine has been authorized for 16 and older since the original EUA was issued. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html</p>
<p>The KS-HAN notification was not specific. So this does not apply to the Moderna?</p>	<p>No, only Pfizer.</p>
<p>We consider someone with the J&J fully vaccinated after 14 days at 62%, and would not be quarantined if coming in contact with a positive case, but someone with 1st shot of Moderna and Pfizer after 14 days is at 80% effectiveness but should still be quarantined if they come in contact with a positive. Can we explain this?</p>	<p>That's a fair point. Both CDC and KDHE consider "fully vaccinated" to mean 2 weeks post last dose, but you are right that the efficacy of 1 dose of Moderna and Pfizer is comparable or better than the J and J.</p>
<p>If we know we are not going to be able to get through the prime doses of our Moderna vaccine is it ok at this point to use the remainder as boost doses and not order the boost doses in order to minimize waste?</p>	<p>Yes, just be sure to have boost on hand when needed or order what is needed at the right time.</p>
<p>Can you provide a link for those equitable planning resources?</p>	<p>Equity Form to share planned events & submit requests for support: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37S6ZTR List of considerations for equity-focused vaccine events as well as available support from community partners: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LiHLEWZrMm62I7HGVtiKOEU-U0IuW2rhd?usp=sharing</p>
<p>Interesting graphics on vaccine equity in Kansas. The data shown is statewide - do you also have it available by region in Kansas?</p>	<p>No, we don't have that data up and I'm not sure if anyone has looked at it. Will note thanks!</p>
<p>We just administered first doses of Pfizer to 16-18 year olds this morning. Will we need to order second doses, or will they be automatically shipped?</p>	<p>You will need to order.</p>
<p>Will the Pfizer be in the frozen state even if smaller doses are requested? Just wanting to be certain. Thanks!</p>	<p>Yes, in standard frozen condition (not ultra-cold) and good for 14 days in that condition. It can be moved to refrigeration if used within 120 hours.</p>
<p>Do you foresee a time in the near future where KDHE will offer individual pre-loaded syringes with vaccine versus even a single vial?</p>	<p>Only when they are manufactured in that manner. We cannot preload them and redistribute for a variety of legal and quality reasons.</p>
<p>Where would I find who voted for or against resuming the J&J vaccination?</p>	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/live-mtg-2021-04-23.html</p>
<p>Can you please address the proper disposal of empty vaccine vials?</p>	<p>Through crushing or Biohazard to prevent reuse of the vial.</p>

Do you have this information for Pfizer?	https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/186/Pfizer-Vaccine
Did I hear this correctly, we now have to crush the COVID vials? Any idea of how to properly crush the vials?	You can just put it into sharps container regular biohazard bag per your usual biohazard procedures if you don't have a standard process for crushing.
When do these new changes start for the order-based system? I never got an email.	Email was sent to all primary contacts yesterday at 1:00.
If our primary contact did not receive an e mail on the ordering process yesterday at 1:00 who do we contact again?	malik.pragya@bcg.com and phil.griffin@ks.gov
Is it the vial they want or the label? We always remove the labels. We use them to stick on the paper appointment schedule or shred them if we have no need for them. Then the glass vial goes in the red sharps container.	That is a perfect solution.
After the Pfizer vaccine has been in a regular freezer for 2 weeks, then do you still have 5 days in refrigeration it can be used? I was told that and wanted to be sure that is correct.	It is https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/storage-summary.pdf
So if we need to order let's say 50 Moderna boost doses.....do we type in 50 in the box or 5 for the 5 vials?	50 as the question will be doses.
The order form says to order DOSES but this sentence may create some confusion "orders for doses should be in increments of 1 vial". Maybe it is just confusing to me....	We will review and provide clarity.
I would love some Abbot ID Now test kits. We have the units, but can't afford the test kits for our mostly uninsured patients.	Please request through your EM. Thanks!