

SPECIAL ISSUE: COVID-19 VACCINE REDISTRIBUTION OPTIONS

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Introduction

The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) has developed redistribution plans to allow for increased accessibility of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for individuals aged 12 and older.

Providers enrolled in the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Program may receive Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine through direct shipment in increments of 450 doses or 1170 doses.

Many providers find it difficult to store and administer the current minimum order sizes of 450 or 1170 doses and the redistribution plans outlined below will allow for access to smaller more manageable quantities (6 doses- 444 doses).

Enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccine Program

Whether receiving vaccine through direct shipment or by utilizing one of the redistribution options, **enrollment in the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Program is a requirement in order to store, handle and administer COVID-19 vaccines** and includes the following for program participation:

1. Must be enrolled in NV WEBIZ and have a PIN number.
2. Must have two staff members trained in data entry and inventory management in NV WEBIZ.
3. Must have a stand-alone freezer and/or a stand-alone refrigerator.
4. Must use a digital temperature monitoring device (data logger) for continuous monitoring of the refrigerator/freezer where vaccine will be stored.
5. Must document all COVID-19 vaccines into an Electronic Medical Record System within 24 hours and into NV WebIZ within 72 hours of vaccine administration.
6. Must report on hand inventory daily to Vaccine Finder, a federal requirement.
7. Must conduct weekly COVID-19 vaccine inventory reconciliations in NV WebIZ.

Transporting Vaccine

For ALL vaccine transports:

- Vaccine must be transported in a stable storage unit and monitored with a digital data logger (DDL).
- Record the time and minimum/maximum temperature at the beginning of transport. In most instances, packing materials that vaccines were initially shipped in are not meant for reuse (the most common exception is ultra-cold vaccine shipping materials).
- Transport equal amounts of vaccines, diluents, and ancillary supplies (including vaccination record cards and PPE).
- Immediately upon arrival at the destination, the DDL should be downloaded and the information emailed to DPBH-AVARs@health.nv.gov
- Vaccines should be stored in an appropriate storage unit with a DDL.

Materials Necessary for Transporting Vaccine

1. **Portable vaccine refrigerator/freezer units**, such as a VeriCor cooler, is the preferred option - if not available then use:
 - Hard-sided coolers or Styrofoam™ vaccine shipping containers;
 - Conditioned frozen water bottles; **OR**
 - Insulating material — You will need two of each layer:
 - o Insulating cushioning material – Bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™ for a layer above and below the vaccines, at least 1 in thick. Make sure it covers the cardboard completely. Do NOT use packing peanuts or other loose material that might shift during transport.
 - o Corrugated cardboard – Two pieces cut to fit interior dimensions of cooler(s) to be placed between insulating cushioning material and conditioned frozen water bottles
2. **Temperature monitoring device** – Digital data logger (DDL) with buffered probe. Accuracy of +/-1°F (+/-0.5°C) with a current and valid

certificate of calibration testing. Pre-chill buffered probe for at least 5 hours in refrigerator.

Temperature monitoring device currently stored in refrigerator can be used, as long as there is a device to measure temperatures for any remaining vaccines. Providers picking up vaccine should use the backup data logger, required for program participation, while transporting vaccine.

Independent pharmacies serving as depots will be eligible to borrow up to two data loggers from the Nevada State Immunization Program for the purpose of transporting COVID-19 vaccine to requesting providers.

Options for Obtaining Vaccine

Option 1 – Independent Pharmacy Depot

An enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider can work with one of the independent pharmacies listed in Figure 1 to obtain Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Providers should contact the independent pharmacy by phone to request the vaccine quantity.

Figure 1: Independent Pharmacy Contacts

Pharmacy Name	City	Contact	
Las Vegas Infusion Pharmacy	Las Vegas	Name	Gener Tejero
		Address	1510 W Sunset Rd Ste 120 Henderson, NV 89014
		Phone	702-476-6996
		Email	pharmacist@lasvegasinfusion.com
Refill Pharmacy 1, LLC	Las Vegas	Name	Sally Chia
		Address	8536 Del Webb Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89134
		Phone	702-476-5888
		Email	refillpharmacylv@gmail.com
AbacusRX Pharmacy	N. Las Vegas	Name	Barry Cohen or Gelaine Mastny
		Address	1516 W Warm Springs Rd Henderson, NV 89014
		Phone	702-475-4297
		Email	Bcohen5@cox.net
Integricare RX	Reno	Name	Chris Shea
		Address	10605 Double R Blvd Reno 89521
		Phone	775-851-7788
		Email	chris@iccanv.com

Arrangements for vaccine pick up or drop off will be agreed upon between the provider and the pharmacy depot. Pharmacy depots must verify that the requesting party is an enrolled provider with a PIN number by visiting [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Verification/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19_Vaccine_Provider_Verification/) to review the most current list of eligible providers. The list of providers and PIN numbers will be updated weekly as new practitioners are on boarded.

Filled order requests will be reported weekly by pharmacy depots to the following link: <https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=FCHCLK3>

HHY. Vaccine providers receiving doses will input the newly transferred inventory into NV WebIZ to manage.

Option 2 – Provider Pick Up from Local Health Authority

An enrolled provider may request to pick up COVID-19 vaccine from a Local Health Authority (LHA), see Figure 2. LHAs must verify that the requesting party is an enrolled provider with a PIN number by visiting [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Verification/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19_Vaccine_Provider_Verification/) to review the most current list of eligible providers. The list of providers and PIN numbers will be updated weekly as new practitioners are on boarded.

Vaccine transfers must be executed in NV WebIZ by the LHA and the receiving providers must accept and manage the inventory received in NV WebIZ. All executed transfers should be reported on a weekly basis by the LHA here:

<https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=FCHCLK3HHY>

Figure 2: Local Health Authority Vaccine Contacts

Name	City	Contact	
Southern Nevada Health District	Las Vegas	Name	Sarah Lugo
		Address	280 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107
		Phone	(702) 759-0582
		Email	lugo@snhd.org
Washoe County Health District	Reno	Name	Nicole Mertz or Jeffrey Kopicko
		Address	1001 E. Ninth St. Bldg. B, Reno, NV 89512
		Phone	775-328-2473
		Request Form	https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/VaccineTransfer
Carson City Health and Human Services	Carson City	Name	COMING SOON
		Address	
		Phone	
		Email	
Nevada State Immunization Program	Carson City	Address	4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
		Vaccine Request Form	https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=844K7JA3MK
		Request Form	
		Email	DPBH-AVARS@health.nv.gov

Note: Carson City Health and Human Services will soon have ultracold storage capacity. Until then, the Nevada State Immunization Program will serve as the local depot in place of Carson City Health and Human Services.

Option 3 – Rural Redistribution

Enrolled providers in rural Nevada can order minimum dose requirements of 450 or 1170 doses for direct ship, see Figure 3. Direct ship orders generally arrive the week following order submission using this link: <https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=844K7JA3MK>

Orders sizes between 6 doses and 444 doses will require transportation arrangements to be made from one of the neighboring county partners with an ultracold vaccine storage unit listed below. Transferring providers must verify that the requesting party is an enrolled provider with a PIN number by

visiting

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Verification/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID-19_Vaccine_Provider_Verification/) to review the most current list of eligible providers. The list of providers and PIN numbers will be updated weekly as new practitioners are on boarded.

Vaccine transfers must be executed by the redistributing partner in NV WebIZ and the receiving providers must accept and manage the inventory received in NV WebIZ. Vaccine transfers that have been completed should also be reported on a weekly basis here

<https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=FCHCLK3HHY>

Figure 3: Rural County Vaccine Contacts

Name	City	Contact
Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital	Elko	Name Zach Judkins
		Address 2001 Errecart Blvd Elko, NV 89801
		Phone 775-748-2099
		Email Zach.judkins@pnt.net
Churchill County Public Health	Fallon	Name Shannon Ernst
		Address 485 West B Street, Suite 105 Fallon, NV. 89406
		Phone 775-427-0035
		Email churchillcovid@churchillcounty.org
Humboldt General Hospital	Winnemucca	Name Rachel Lara (ext. 1660) or Jennifer Saxton (ext. 1550)
		Address 118 E Haskell St, Winnemucca, NV 89445
		Phone 775-623-5222
		Email larar@hghospital.org ; saxtoni@hghospital.org

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will also be distributed by NSIP staff and partners to parts of rural Nevada and will be delivered every last Monday of the month to Mineral County, Esmeralda County, Nye County, and Lincoln County.

Enrolled providers can submit Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requests using the following ordering link: <https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=844K7JA3MK> Orders must be received by close of business one week before delivery is scheduled.

Option 4 – Hub and Spoke Model

Large medical systems can enroll in the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Program as the hub and make smaller portions of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines available to enrolled affiliated providers as the spokes. Enrollment in the Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Program is a requirement for both the hub (large medical systems) and spokes (affiliated providers) in order to store, handle and administer COVID-19 vaccines. To begin the enrollment process please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VLNBGB> Redistribution 'hubs' will also need to complete a redistribution agreement.

All executed COVID-19 vaccine transfers should be reported on a weekly basis to the following link:

<https://dpbhrdc.nv.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=FCHCLK3HHY>

Washoe County Vaccine Transfers

Washoe County providers, please use this link to request a vaccine transfer.

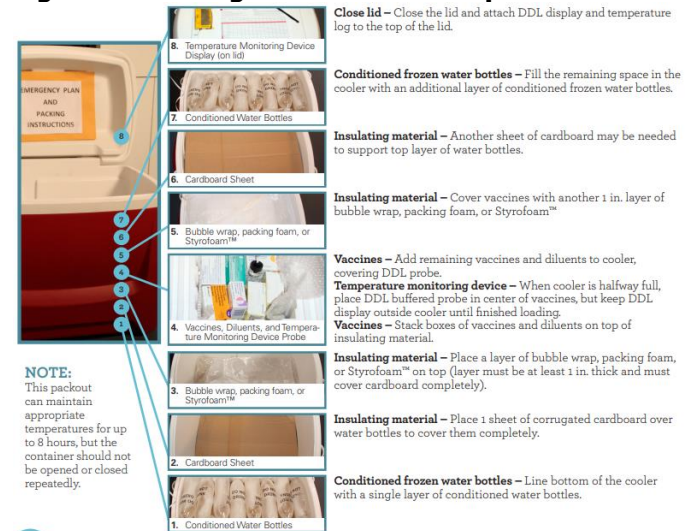
<https://forms.washoecounty.us/f/Vaccine> Transfer Provider must be enrolled in NV WEBIZ and have a COVID-19 vaccine pin number.

Packing Vaccine for Transport

Please review Figure 4 and link below for best practices on packing vaccine for transport.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/downloads/emergency-transport.pdf>

Figure 4: Packing Vaccine for Transport



For additional information on storing and handling vaccine please visit the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf>

Questions

If you have questions, please contact DPBHCVID19VAX@health.nv.gov

If in Washoe County, contact covid19@washoecounty.us

Acknowledgement

Thank you to all health care providers for working diligently to keep residents and visitors safe.