

So, You Want to Have A COVID Vaccine Clinic?

Planning A Successful COVID Vaccination Event

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COVID Vaccination History



- MCDPH began planning for mass vaccination in October 2020 as soon as the *COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations* was released.
- The eligible Phase 1A population was nearly 500,000 individuals throughout the County including healthcare personnel, healthcare support occupations, Direct Care Workers, and LTCF residents and staff.
- Because of the limited amount of vaccine initially and the number of individuals requiring vaccination, plans were implemented to open 5 Points of Dispensing (PODs) throughout the County.



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- As vaccine became more accessible, Phase 1B became eligible (K-12 school staff and childcare workers, law enforcement officers, corrections officers and other protective service employees, and adults aged 75 years and older).
- The Regional PODs remained open and many in these populations received their vaccinations at these locations.
- Many schools opened their own PODs for their staff and some Municipalities followed suit for their First Responders.
- The last regional POD closed on 04/10/21 with a total of 564,000 vaccines administered.

Lessons Learned



- MCDPH experienced a variety of strengths as well as opportunities for success throughout this early stage – and continued to refine as we “took the show on the road” and started sponsoring “Pop-Up Events” throughout the county.
- As we have experienced planning and operating both drive-through and walk-in / walk-up events, we can help you choose the best type of event for your practice.

Walk-In / Walk-Up



- A Walk-In / Walk-Up clinic can be held in your own office or in an off-site indoor location.
- Determine the amount of people that may have interest in attending
 - Current Patients or Open to Anyone?
 - Appointment Only or Appointment Option?
- The site should have areas identified for: Entrance, Greeting, Registration/Check in, Vaccination, Post Education/Monitoring, and Exit.



Walk-In / Walk-Up



Pros	Cons
Can generally be run with <10 staff	Can be disruptive to normal business if a separate area is not available.
Most supplies/amenities are readily available	Patients with limited mobility may find it hard to navigate a crowded area.
Easier to communicate with patients	Line may overflow outside (have a plan)
No weather-related concerns	

Walk-In / Walk-Up



Drive-Through



- Drive-Thru PODs need enough space to accommodate vehicles and allow for safety of personnel and people expected to receive vaccine. Selection of the location is also dependent on the populations served, accessibility, and the amount of time for the vaccine administration.
- Determine the amount of people that may have interest in attending.
- Inclimate weather, sun exposure, exhaustion, vehicle safety, and vaccine storage need to be taken into consideration.
- A drive-through event must also have designated Entrance, Greeting, Registration/Check in, Vaccination, Post Education/Monitoring, and Exit.



Drive Through



Pros	Cons
Allows for physical distancing and protective barriers between POD staff and patients.	VERY resource-intensive – See Supply List
Patients are not coming into the practice	May require permitting from local Police / Fire Dept.
Better accommodating for Individuals with physical mobility issues (sometimes)	Safety issues when vaccinating children
	Plan for disabled vehicles
	Plan for adverse reactions
	Lines of cars clogging up parking lot / roads
	Underestimating the importance of restrooms!

Drive-Through



Special Considerations



- Size of your practice
 - Vacant areas next door?
 - Parking / parking lot size
- Type of vaccine
 - Be cognizant of storage and use deadlines
 - Safety considerations when using multiple vaccine types/dosages
- Clientele
 - Safety considerations of vaccinating children inside vehicles
 - Plan for access and functional needs
 - <https://addpc.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/Vaccination%20Site%20Flyer%20-%20ADA%20Recommendations%204-19-21.pdf>
- Have a plan for 2nd Dose
 - Plan a 2nd clinic
 - Refer to MCDPH [Vaccine Locations website](#) or CARES Team (602) 506-6767

Vaccine Tips



- Know the minimum order quantities / storage requirements (see table)
 - order at least 10 days in advance
- Need a smaller amount?
 - Request for a transfer from Maricopa County Public Health for Pfizer for the 12+ age group. The minimum order amounts are 96 doses for Pfizer 12+ (increments of 6 over that). Complete this [Transfer Form](#)
 - Visit the [ADHS Matchmaking Tool](#) (you still need an ASIIS PIN!)
 - See what other facilities are trying to get rid of – various quantities and exp. Dates
 - You can ADD your leftovers as well for others to “shop”
 - You can also request/add needles (needles do not need to be entered in to ASIIS as a transfer)

Vaccine Storage and Use



Vaccine	Minimum Order Through ASIIS	Minimum Order Through MCDPH	Freezer Storage	Refrigerator Storage	Use
Pfizer 12+	1,170	96	<p>Before mixing, may be stored in the freezer between -25°C and -15°C (-13°F to 5°F) for up to 2 weeks</p> <p>Vials stored in the freezer can be transferred to the refrigerator for up to 1 month (31 days). Once thawed, they cannot be refrozen.</p> <p>Vials stored in the freezer can be returned one time to ultra-cold temperature storage. Once returned, the 2-week time frame is suspended.</p>	Before mixing, may be stored in the refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 1 month (31 days).	Once mixed, can be left at room temperature (2°C to 25°C [35°F to 77°F]) for up to 6 hours.
Pfizer 5-11	100	100	Pfizer 5-11 cannot be stored in a standard freezer. Once it comes out of the ultra-cold, it must go into the refrigerator where it can be stored for 10 weeks. Once a vial is punctured, it must be used within 12 hours.	Pfizer 5-11 cannot be stored in a standard freezer. Once it comes out of the ultra-cold, it must go into the refrigerator where it can be stored for 10 weeks. Once a vial is punctured, it must be used within 12 hours.	Once a vial is punctured, it must be used within 12 hours.
Moderna	100	100	Unpunctured vials may be stored in a freezer between -50°C and -15°C (-58°F and 5°F).	<p>Unpunctured vials may be stored in the refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 30 days before vials are punctured.</p> <p>Punctured vials may be stored between 2°F and 25°C (36°F and 77°F) for up to 12 hours. After a vial is punctured 20 times it should be discarded even if the 12-hour time limit has not been met.</p> <p>Thawed vaccine cannot be refrozen.</p>	After the first dose has been withdrawn, the vial should be held between 2° to 25°C (36° to 77°F) and discarded 12 hours after the first puncture.
Janssen	100	100	N/A	Unpunctured vials may be stored between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) until the expiration date.	Punctured vials may be stored between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 6 hours or at room temperature (9°C to 25°C [47°F to 77°F]) for up to 2 hours

NEW as of 12/09/21



- **NOTE: THIS MAY BE CHANGING MID-JANUARY!**
 - Possible reduction in Pfizer 12+ minimum



- [What to Consider When Planning to Operate a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#)
- [The Checklist of Best Practices for Vaccination Clinics Held at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations](#)
- MCDPH POD Supplies List:
 - Does NOT include the ancillary supplies that come with vaccine.

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Q&A



- Questions?
- Thank You!



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