

**Texas Department of State Health Services** 

# **Texas Providers Webinar**

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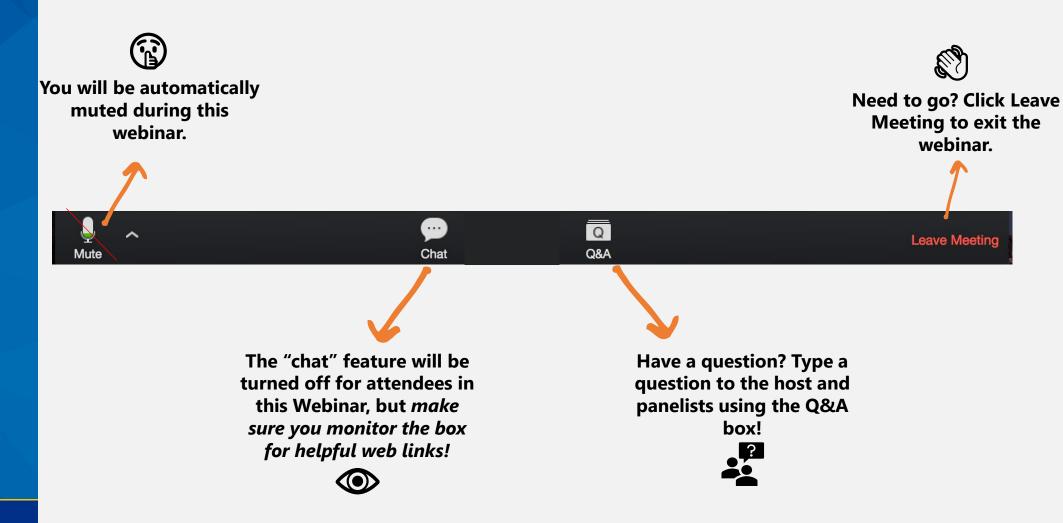


# DISCLAIMER

The information presented today is based on CDC's recent guidance and MAY change.

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### **Today's Webinar Cadence**





### **Agenda: DSHS Texas Providers Webinar**

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Opening Remarks	Antonio Aragon
COVID-19 Vaccine and TVFC	Antonio Aragon
Let's Get Kids Caught Up	Jennifer Moore
Plan a School Vaccination Clinic	Denise Starkey
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Live Q&A	Moderator: Kelley Schneider DSHS Subject Matter Experts



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# **Opening Remarks**



#### **National Immunization Awareness Month**

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.





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#### **National Immunization Awareness Month**

**Today:** Getting Kids Caught Up and Hosting Vaccination Clinics

Next week on August 17<sup>th</sup>:
Effective Recommendations for
Adolescent and Adult
Vaccinations





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# **COVID-19 Vaccine and TVFC**

## **Providing COVID-19 Vaccines as a TVFC Provider**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment**

To order and provide COVID-19 vaccinations, **all providers** — including TVFC providers—must enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider by visiting: <a href="https://enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov/emrlogin.asp">https://enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov/emrlogin.asp</a>

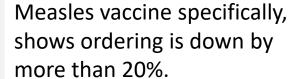
TVFC providers can visit the DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources webpage to review the following resources and guides to become a COVID-19 Vaccination provider:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Checklist (PDF): <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/covid19/COVIDVaccineProviderChecklist.pdf">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/covid19/COVIDVaccineProviderChecklist.pdf</a>
- How to Become a COVID-19 Vaccinator: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx</a>
- Tips and Tricks for Enrolling for COVID-19 Vaccine Program (PDF): <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/covid19/Tips-and-Tricks-for-Enrolling-for-COVID-19-Vaccine-Program.pdf">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/covid19/Tips-and-Tricks-for-Enrolling-for-COVID-19-Vaccine-Program.pdf</a>
- Texas DSHS Immunization Portal Registration Guide (PDF:) https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/docs/11-15952.pdf

# Let's Get Kids Caught Up

### **Vaccination Rates are Down**

Data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently shows vaccination rates, based off vaccine ordering, declining by 14% compared for the 2020-2021 year compared to 2019.



## **How Were Vaccination Rates in Texas Impacted?**

As of July 2020, a total of **113 Texas Vaccine for Children Programs (TVFC) sites had been suspended due to inactivity.** Out of these, 56% were school-based clinics.

With fewer sites to administer vaccines, Texas had a **27% decrease in doses administered** compared to July 2019.

The vaccination rate for August 2020 was 32% lower than August 2019.

Further declines could result in outbreaks with Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs).

Impact of COVID-19 on TVFC Vaccine Administration: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/docs/COVID19">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/docs/COVID19</a>impact TVFC.pdf

# What is DSHS Doing?

DSHS Immunization program, in conjunction with the CDC, will continue and strengthen our efforts to assist healthcare providers to ensure all eligible populations maintain strong protection against VPDs

We have **updated resources** for our providers to assist in creating vaccination plans:

- DSHS updated 2021-2022 Immunization Requirements for child-care facilities and schools.
- CDC <u>Provider Toolkits</u> contain resources to assist in starting conversations, recommendations, and answering questions related to vaccines.
- DSHS website has a resources on <u>FAQs About Immunization Requirements for School</u> <u>Admittance</u>

### **How Can Providers Assist?**



Be Proactive: Identify families whose children have missed doses, contact them to schedule appointments, and have immunizations ready to be administered.



**Take an Active Role:** Review immunizations at every visit and make **strong** recommendations for all vaccines.



Follow-through: Utilize coadministration to get kids caught up on vaccines and continue to educate on the importance of staying on schedule for all routine childhood vaccines.

# **COVID-19 Vaccine Coadministration for TVFC Providers**

Multiple vaccinations at once

- COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing. This includes simultaneous administration of the COVID-19 vaccine on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days
- Getting multiple vaccines at the same time has been proven to be safe
- All new licensed vaccines have been tested alongside the vaccines already recommended for a particular aged child.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC</a> AA refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations.html

## What Can Schools Do?







**Send reminders** to families about school immunization requirements

**Follow-up** with families of children who are not in compliance with requirements to encourage compliance

Use reminder-recall strategies to notify families whose children have fallen behind on vaccines

Help Kids' Safe Return to School - Get Caught Up on Recommended Vaccines (cdc.gov)

### **Host an Immunization Clinic**

As daycares and schools are gearing up for in-person learning and care, it's particularly important for parents to work with their child's doctor and/or nurse to make sure they get caught up on well-child checks and all recommended vaccines.

Hosting an **in-house vaccination clinic** or **open office hours** for vaccines is a great opportunity to aid in these efforts:

- Offer days and times for walk-in appointments for routine vaccines
- Extend office hours to accommodate working parent schedules
- Make vaccinations readily accessible for families

# Plan a School Vaccination Clinic

# School-Located Vaccination Clinics

What is it?

School-located vaccination clinics or nurses' stations may offer vaccination throughout the school day. With the right planning and communication, school-located vaccinations can be a part of a broader back-to-school effort by offering routine childhood vaccination and adult vaccines to staff, faculty, and families. Visit the following webpage for more information: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html</a>



# School-Located Vaccination Clinics

An opportunity to get children vaccinated

- ☐ Children are already present in schools
- More convenient for parents and guardians
- Offer routine vaccinations and catch-up vaccinations for students behind in vaccination because of the pandemic, including yearly influenza vaccination
- Administer COVID-19 vaccine rapidly and efficiently to eligible students and possibly their family members, teachers, school staff, and others in the community



# Schools and school districts should consider hosting at least one vaccination clinic over the coming weeks

Additional Actions to Help Kids Go Back to School Safely:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statementsreleases/2021/08/05/fact-sheet-biden-administrationannounces-additional-actions-to-help-kids-go-back-to-schoolsafely/

## Who Can Plan a School-Located Vaccination Clinic?

If you're on this call...you can!

**Pharmacies** 

Community Healthcare Clinics

Healthcare systems

Public and private entities can serve as the lead in planning a school located vaccination clinic:

Pediatric practices

Staff from state and local public health departments

# Establishing School-Located Vaccination Leadership

A critical initial step

It is essential to form partnerships with the school boards and to communicate with and gain the support of school principals and other school leaders.

Having support among school leadership can facilitate program implementation, increase student participation, and lead to more successful school-located vaccination clinics.

Find customizable template communications designed for school principals or other school leaders for school-located vaccination clinics in general and for COVID-19 vaccination specifically by visiting:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/slvcommunications.html

## Customizable Content for School-Located Vaccination Clinics

Find customizable content to inform parents, school principals, and healthcare providers about the upcoming school-located vaccination clinic(s). Tailor the bolded text in brackets, as well as other text, as appropriate.

Communication to principals announcing SLV plans (not COVID-19 specific)	+
Communication to principals announcing COVID-19 SLV plans	+
Communication to parents announcing SLV clinic(s) (not COVID-19 specific)	+
Communication to parents stating whether the child was vaccinated or not (not COVID-19 specific)	+
Communication to healthcare providers announcing SLV plans (not COVID-19 specific)	+
Communication to parents informing about upcoming COVID-19 SLV clinic(s)	+
Communication to parents informing about upcoming 2nd dose COVID-19 SLV clinic	+
Communication to parents stating the child was vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine (first dose)	+
Communication to parents stating the child was vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine (second dose)	+
Communication to parents stating the child was NOT vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine (first dose)	+
Communication to parents stating the child was NOT vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine (second dose)	+
Communication to healthcare providers announcing COVID-19 SLV plans	+

# School-Located Vaccination Clinic Planning Considerations

Start by considering the following...

Stage 1

Stage 2

#### Is there:

- ☐ a local need?
- ☐ sufficient resources and staff?
- adequate community and stakeholder support?

- ☐ Which vaccine(s) will be offered?
- ☐ When will clinics be held?
- ☐ Will eligibility be expanded beyond enrolled students?
- ☐ Consider vaccine supply, potential for vaccine wastage, and logistical issues.

# School-Located Vaccination Clinic Planning Considerations

Stage 3

- ☐ Identify clinic staff.
- ☐ Plan for clinic space and design clinic layout.
- ☐ Schedule school-located vaccination clinics, including make-up clinics or clinics to administer subsequent doses for multi-dose vaccines, as applicable.
- ☐ Prepare promotional and educational materials for schools to distribute to parents and students that include the COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet or Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). Visit this webpage to access materials from the CDC:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/slv-communications.html

# Resources for Planning School-Located Vaccination Clinics

Considerations for Planning
School-Located Vaccination
Clinics

- 1. Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources,
- 2. COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules
- 3. Vaccine Administration,
- 4. Anaphylaxis after COVID-19 Vaccination,
- 5. Vaccinating Adolescents

Guidance for Planning
Vaccination Clinics Held at
Satellite, Temporary, or
Off-Site Locations | CDC

**Back to School Toolkit** 

<u>Guide to On Site</u> <u>Vaccination Clinic for</u> <u>Schools</u> White House communication regarding Kids Back to School

COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit for Staff in School Settings and Childcare Programs | CDC

How Schools Can Support COVID-19 Vaccination

# **Audience Poll**

True or False

A pediatric practice could plan a School-Located Vaccination clinic

# School Vaccine Requirements

## **2021-2022 Immunization Requirements**

#### Schools K-12

Vaccine Required	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level				rac	le Leve	el	
(Attention to notes	Grades K - 6th	Grade 7th	Grades 8th - 12th		th	Notes		
and footnotes)	K 1 2 3 4 5 6	7	8	9	10	0 11	12	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis				•	•	_		For K – 6th grade: 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 dose must
(DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)								have been received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the
		3 dose primary		3 dose primary		y	requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students	
		series and 1		seri	ies	and 1		aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received on or
	5 doses or 4 doses	booster dose			f	after the 4th birthday.1		
	5 doses or 4 doses	of Tdap / Td				For 7th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the		
		within the		with	iin t	the last	t	last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*
		last 5 years		1	0 y	ears		For 8th - 12th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since
								the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*
								*Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.
				For K – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade: 4 doses of polio; 1 dose must be received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup>				
Polio	4	4 doses or 3 doses			birthday. However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received			
				on or after the 4th birthday.1				
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella 2						For K - 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after		
(MMR)	2 doses					the 1st birthday. 1 Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and		
(Caraca)		l l					one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.	
Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>						For students aged 11 – 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis		
The state of the s	3 doses							B vaccine (Recombivax*) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of
								vaccine (Recombivax*) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax* was not
								the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.
Varicella <sup>2,3</sup> 2 doses			For K - 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after					
v urreenu	2 doses							the 1st birthday.1
Meningococcal (MCV4)								For 7th - 12th grade, 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is
	1 dose		required on or after the student's 11th birthday.					
		1 dose			NOTE: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the			
								requirement.
Hepatitis A <sup>2</sup>	Hepatitis A <sup>2</sup> 2 doses			For K – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after				
2 doses					the 1st birthday.1			

Remember: Administering multiple vaccines at the same time has been proven to be safe. For more information review the CDC's guidance for Multiple Vaccines at Once and COVID-19 Vaccine coadministration.

This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the <a href="Human Resources Code">Human Resources Code</a>, Chapter 38.

Download Chart <u>here</u>

## **2021-2022 Immunization Requirements**

#### **College Entry**

Entering students must show proof of initial Meningococcal vaccination or a booster dose.

Healthcare and Veterinary students have **special immunization requirements** because of the higher risk of potential exposure in their coursework.

Visit <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/healthcare-veterinary.aspx">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/healthcare-veterinary.aspx</a> for more information

Three ways to **show proof** of vaccination:



Form with signature of physician with date of vaccination



Official immunization record from state or local health authority with date of vaccination



An official record received from school officials

## **Exemptions**

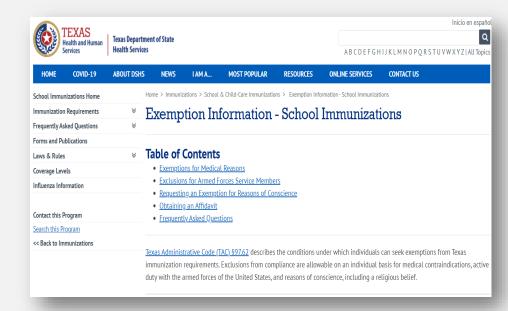
**Exemption Information - School Immunizations** 

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements which clearly state a medical reason exists and the person cannot receive specific vaccines, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief.

**Exemption requests are processed in the order they are received.** Please be advised, it may take slightly longer than the standard 7-10 business days for an affidavit to arrive in the mail due to COVID-19.

Instructions for **parents** choosing the reasons of exemptions (Medical or Conscience/Religious) can be found on the <u>Exemption Information</u> webpage.

Students attending community college or public junior college may generate and print a conscientious exemption affidavit for the bacterial meningitis vaccine requirement online at the <a href="Meningococcal Vaccination">Meningococcal Vaccination</a> <a href="Exemption Website">Exemption Website</a>.



#### There are four ways to obtaining an affidavit:

- 1. Online
- 2. By mail
- 3. Fax
- 4. In Person

Visit **Exemption Information** for details.

For further information on the exemption process, please review the FAQ on Vaccine Exemptions for Reasons of Conscience.

# Importance of Reporting



# All Providers Must Report COVID-19 Immunizations to ImmTrac2



The Texas Immunization Registry is a service that consolidates and stores vaccine records from a variety of sources. The registry provides:

- Immunization history
- Forecasts
- Reminders
- Reports
- Resettable passwords

Providers must report COVID-19 administered vaccines within 24 hours of doses administered

- Client name, DOB, gender, and address
- Reporting race/ethnicity is mandatory
- Vaccine trade name, manufacturer, lot number and date of administration
- Email: <u>ImmTrac2@dshs.texas.gov</u>

Register online if your organization has never accessed ImmTrac2 before:

https://immtrac.dshs.texas.gov/TXPRD/enroll ProviderEntry.do?action=newOrg

## **Benefits for Patients**







#### Free and secure

There's no charge for enrolling and no monthly fee. The registry meets the highest security standards. Information is available only to doctors, schools, child-care centers, public health care providers.

#### **Schools can verify vaccine records**

The clients will never have to round up immunization records themselves. Their child's school can access them and let them know what vaccines their child needs to meet school requirements.

#### All doctors have access

No matter how many times they move or change health care providers, their child's immunization records are at any Texas doctor's fingertips.

# **Vaccination History**

# Patients can request a copy of their immunization history at any time for:

- Child-care
- School
- College entrance
- Military enlistment
- Travel
- Employment in health and safety fields
- Other instances



Clients will need vaccine records for the rest of their life.

### Resources

### Forms and Documents Webpage:

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/immtrac/forms.shtm

## Videos and Recorded Webinars Webpage:

<a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/immtrac/User-Training/">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/immtrac/User-Training/</a>

### **Contacts**

### **General Questions:**

ImmTrac2@dshs.texas.gov

### Data Exchange:

ImmTracMU@dshs.texas.gov

# **COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards**

Must be filled out accurately and completely

In addition to reporting accurate information in ImmTrac2, it is essential that providers fill out the vaccination cards **completely**, **accurately**, **and legibly**. Please include the following information:

- 1. Patient's legal Last and First name (must match the name in ImmTrac2 registry)
- 2. Patient medical record number (if available)
- 3. Product Name/Manufacturer and Lot Number
- 4. Date of administered dose
- 5. Healthcare Professional or Clinic site: **Providers, please use** patient's accurate name for their medical records. Example: If their name for medical records is "Consuelo Hernandez", please write that name, not "Connie Hernandez".

#### COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received. Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido. Last Name First Name Date of birth Patient number (medical record or IIS record number Product Name/Manufacturer Healthcare Professional or Vaccine Date Clinic Site **Lot Number** 1st Dose COVID-19 mm dd yy 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose mm dd yy COVID-19 Other mm dd yy Other mm dd yy

### **Ordering COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards**

COVID-19 Vaccine Providers can now order vaccination record cards.

To order the COVID-19 vaccination record cards, email the following information in the format listed to the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Help Desk at <a href="mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov">COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov</a>. Please note, *providers* may not exceed 50 cards per request and quantities ordered will be tracked by DSHS.

- Quantity Requested
- PIN:
- Name of facility:
- Point of contact name:
- Address line 1:
- Address line 2:
- City, State, Zip code:

For more information, refer to the email sent from DSHS via GovDelivery on 7/19/2021.

### **Accessing COVID-19 Vaccination Records**

To access patient COVID-19 vaccination record in ImmTrac2, patient immunization histories may be printed and released to clients by any ImmTrac2 user with the Full Access Provider role.

Learn how to access ImmTrac2 and print a record by <u>viewing this video</u>.



### **Tips for Patients**

Share ideas with your patients for ways they can keep up with their original card:

- Make a paper copy for them or tell them to (copiers are available at any office goods store or public library!)
- Make a digital copy (take a picture on a phone, use a scanner)
- Keep the original in a safe place like a safe or lockbox
- Carry a copy of the original
- If they use technology, tell them to look for digital apps for scanning their card



## **Audience Poll**

Choose one

Which is NOT one of the mentioned benefits of ImmTrac2 enrollment?

- A) Free and no monthly charge
- B) Schools can verify vaccine records
- C) All doctors can access vaccine records
- D) Free Amazon prime account

# COVID-19 Vaccine Shipping Update

### **COVID-19 August 5th Ordering Update**

COVID-19 Providers, for more information please review the email from txhhs@public.govdelivery.com that was sent on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Starting on August 16, 2021, all COVID-19 vaccine order requests will be fulfilled using an improved ordering timeline, which will allow providers to receive vaccines in a timelier manner.

- 1. If you place a minimum pack size order of COVID-19 vaccine (450 doses of Pfizer & 140 doses of Moderna), your order will be placed through the CDC.
- 2. If you place a "less than a minimum pack size" order (minimum pack sizes are 450 doses of Pfizer & 140 doses of Moderna), your order will be processed and shipped through our state shipping vendor, Cold Chain Technologies (CCT).

Please note you may receive a call from the DSHS Shipment Team to confirm your order details.



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Dear Provider

Starting on August 16, 2021, all COVID-19 vaccine order requests will be fulfilled using an improved ordering timeline, which will allow providers to receive vaccine in a more timely manner.

Please see below for the outline of the updates in the ordering timeline

- 1. If you place a minimum pack size order of COVID-19 vaccine (450 doses of Pfizer & 140 doses of Moderna), your order will be placed through the CDC.
- a. Please allow 48 hours for all orders to be processed and confirmed for accuracy and validity prior to being placed with the CDC.
- b. If your order is denied for any reason, you will receive an email notification
- c. The new timeline for receiving CDC deliveries will be 5-7 calendar days.
- If you place a "less than a minimum pack size" order (minimum pack sizes are 450 doses of Pfizer & 140 doses of Moderna), your order will be processed and shipped through our state shipping vendor, Cold Chain Technologies (CCT).
- a. Small dose orders will be processed two times per week, on Tuesdays & Fridays.
- b. The new timeline for CCT receiving deliveries is 7-10 calendar days.

You may receive a call from the DSHS Vaccine Shipment Team to confirm your order details, if needed

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/i mmunize/covid19/VAOS-Access-Instructions.pdf



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## **Audience Poll**

Select All that Apply

If your organization is an immunization provider, which program(s) are you enrolled in?

- A) COVID-19 Vaccine
- B) TVFC
- C) ASN
- D) I don't know/None

# Live Q&A



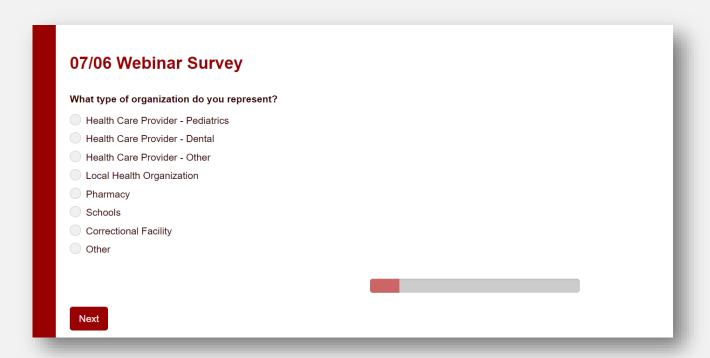
# **Final Notes**



### **Take Our Survey!**

### We want to hear from **YOU!**

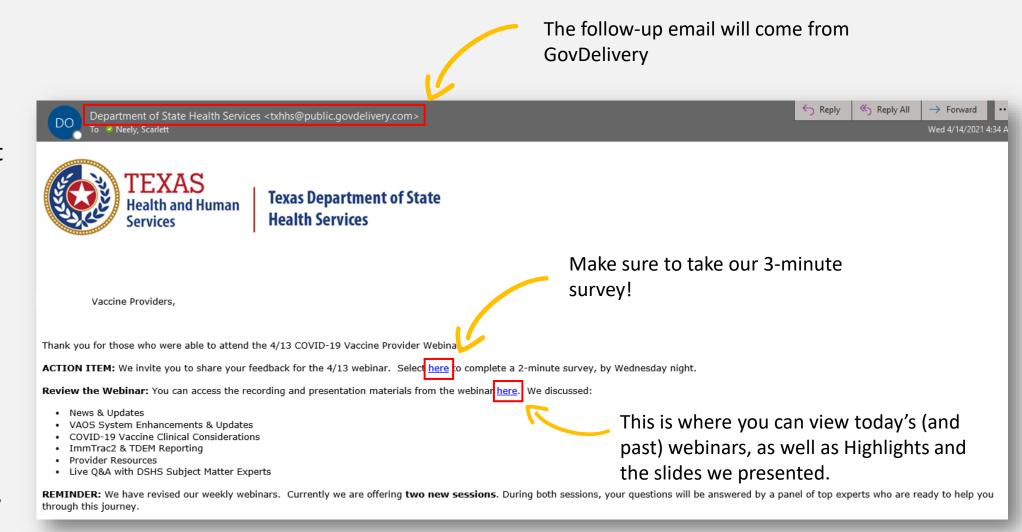
Take a moment to complete our postwebinar survey to give us feedback on the new webinar format and our webinar topics. You can also give us suggestions on what you want to hear about next!



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# Thank You!

