

Missouri COVID-19 Vaccinator Newsletter

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Key points about the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine

- Janssen’s vaccine has been shown to prevent severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death and is another tool to help combat COVID-19.
- The vaccine was studied in multiple countries, including South Africa and Brazil, both places where variants of COVID-19 have emerged.
- The different types of vaccines were not studied in head-to-head comparisons or trials; therefore, they should not be compared to each other.
- Adding Janssen’s vaccine to our toolbox means more people can get vaccinated, which increases the overall population protected from severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- In addition, this vaccine does not need to be kept in a freezer and can be stored at refrigerator temperatures— so it is easy to transport and store and allows for expanded availability in most community settings and mobile sites, as supply scales up.
- Having different types of vaccines available for use, especially ones with different dosing recommendations and storage and handling requirements and, can offer more options and flexibility for the public, jurisdictions and vaccine providers.



Johnson & Johnson Coronavirus vaccine illustration
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- ▶ Johnson & Johnson (J&J) arrived but will not be back until end of March

J&J EUA approved and allocation made available to State last week

Initial J&J allocation made available the week of 01 MAR				
~50,000				
Amount of initial allocation allocated and to what delivery channels				
~37,000				
FQHC	LPHA	Hospital	Pharmacy	Mass Event
7%	16%	18%	19%	40%

State’s J&J strategy moving forward

- Mass Event focus: Remaining ~12,500 doses will go toward targeted teams and Mass Events
- State strategy: More specific state strategy for J&J deployment released the week of 15 March

Janssen expiration dates

Providers will need to determine expiration date of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine: The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Call 1-800-565-4008, or
- Go to www.vaxcheck.jni/

Weekly March allocations by delivery channel

Coming changes:

- Below allocations remain through week of 15 March
- Starting the week of 22 March, allocations will shift to reflect unvaccinated eligible populations per region
- State will work with each delivery channel to incorporate coming changes

	HTHCs	Mass Vax Events	FQHCs	All Other Community Providers	LPHAs	Pharmacies	
Region							Totals
A	14,000	2,500	2,500	1,200	2,500	4,000	~28K
B	1,300	2,500	400	200	400	500	~5K
C	21,000	2,500	4,000	2,000	4,000	4,600	~44K
D	8,000	2,500	1,500	900	1,500	1,500	~17K
E	2,000	2,500	600	300	600	1,300	~7K
F	4,000	2,500	800	400	800	1,700	~8K
G	1,200	2,500	300	100	300	300	~4K
H	1,500	2,500	500	200	500	1,000	~6K
I	1,200	2,500	400	200	400	500	~5K
							~120K
Totals	~50K	22,500	11,000	5,500	11,000	~16,500	
% per D.C.	~40%	~20%	~10%	~5%	~10%	~15%	

Reporting wastage

Attention ShowMeVax Users-Adjustments: Adjustments are not to be made unless it is a true wastage or a true adjustment. An adjustment is not to be used for reporting doses administered, this is completed through the reconciliation process. For reporting extra doses per vial the adjustment reason selected is Extra. True wastage is one of the following reasons that must be selected:

- VTRCKS – BROKEN VIAL/SYRINGE
- VTRCKS – VACCINE DRAWN INTO SYRINGE BUT NOT ADMIN
- VTRCKS - LOST OR UNACCOUNTED FOR VACCINE
- VTRCKS – NON VACCINE PRODUCT (E.G., IG, HBIG, DIL)
- VTRCKS – OPEN VIAL BUT ALL DOSES NOT ADMINISTERED.

Please contact the ShowMeVax helpdesk for assistance with adjustments at vfc-smvsupport@health.mo.gov and include your Covid/VFC PIN with all correspondence.

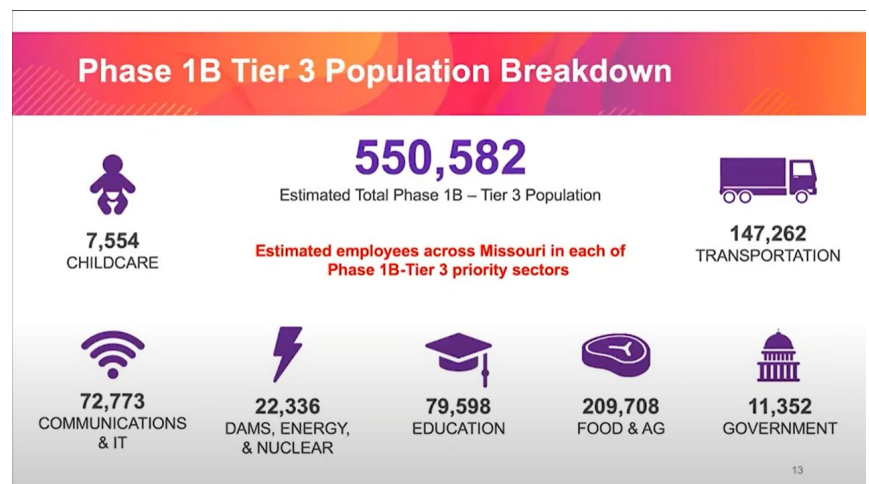
Quality assurance visits

The CDC will be requiring DHSS to perform quality assurance visits on all COVID-19 vaccine providers enrolled with the state of Missouri. 100% of all enrolled providers will need to be visited by the end of 2022. These on-site visits will consist of a DHSS Bureau of Immunization (BI) staff member who will meet with a designated COVID-19 vaccine coordinator. The first focus will be on providers that vaccinated Tier 1A individuals and high volume providers. Pharmacies that are enrolled in the Federal pharmacy program will NOT be visited. The visits will consist of BI staff completing a CDC documentation that includes:

- Validation of vaccine storage units and validating units;
- Review of storage and vaccine handling;
- Review of vaccine documentation (e.g., wastage reports, temperature logs); and
- Review of patient eligibility screening.

Phase 1B-Tier 3 to be activated March 15

Last week, our team and partners from the Department of Economic Development presented resources and planning information to many employers and groups representing critical industries who will be eligible under Phase 1B-Tier 3. View that presentation [here](#), and feel free to share with your local community members so they can prepare to help their teams get vaccinated. Business and organization resources are available at the bottom of www.MOStopsCovid.com/priority.



Vaccine administration Standing Orders revised

The **standing orders** for administering the three authorized vaccines were revised on March 3. The only change to the orders is the following addition:

- This standing order also authorizes the following individuals to administer this vaccine, provided that such individual has completed and passed a standardized training conducted under the direction of a medical director or other licensed physician, which includes clinical training regarding the administration of immunizations via the intramuscular route. Such training shall, at a minimum, educate and train the participant with the information provided in - Just in Time Training Resources for EMT SARS-CoV-2 Vaccinators, NHTSA Office of EMS, issued February 7, 2021.
 - a) Emergency Medical Responder, as defined by 190.100(13) RSMo., which includes a person who has successfully completed an emergency first response course meeting or exceeding the national curriculum of the U.S. Department of Transportation and who provides emergency medical care through employment by or in association with an emergency medical response agency; or
 - b) EMT-Basics.

VaccineFinder

VaccineFinder rolled out a soft launch of its (national) publicly available, searchable inventory. Missouri pharmacies that are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program are now included (Walmart, Sam's Club, HyVee and Healthmart). A full launch is coming soon (date TBD). A fact sheet for vaccination providers that includes information about onboarding, reporting and public display can be found [here](#).

Vaccine Navigator enrollment for vaccinators

To gain access to Missouri Vaccine Navigator, please complete the [Vaccine Navigator Access form](#) on the DHSS website. Demos and fact sheets regarding the use of the program is available on the [vaccinator resource page](#).



Need more information?

We continuously update Missouri's [vaccinator resource hub](#) with the latest information on the approved vaccines, guidance, Missouri Vaccine Navigator, vaccinator FAQs and training opportunities.

DHSS contacts by topic area:

- ShowMeVax enrollment support: [Cathy Kennon](#)
- ShowMeVax troubleshooting: vmc-smvsupport@health.mo.gov
- Reporting Dose Administration assistance: ImmunizationHL7Onboarding@health.mo.gov
- Adverse events/clinical assistance: [Lana Hudanick](#)
- Vaccine redistribution: covidvaccineredistribution@health.mo.gov
- Ordering and supply management support: covidvaccineorders@health.mo.gov
- Additional PPE and other equipment: [Jenn Stockman](#)
- Newsletter/webinars: [Lisa Cox](#)
- All other questions: CovidVaccine@health.mo.gov

Upcoming Meetings

- Vaccine Call for local public health agencies: every **Monday**, reach out to [Tiffany Bayer](#) for more information.
- Vaccinator webinar: Past webinars can be found [here](#).
The next webinar will be from **3-4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9**. [Click here to attend](#). You can now use this same link to attend each Tuesday! Or join by phone: 1-650-479-3207 | Meeting number (access code): 133 183 7153 Meeting password: AtqpY6fi7F5



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