## **NEWSLETTER**



# VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### What's New...

# **Technology Corner**

#### **VACCINE REPORTING MANDATE**

Effective January 1, 2022, all medical facilities that vaccinate patients are required to report all administered doses to VIIS. Pursuant to Chapter 211 of the 2021 Special Session I, as of January 1, 2022, any health care provider, as defined in §32.1-127.1:03, in the Commonwealth that administers immunizations shall report such patient immunization information to the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) pursuant to §32.1-46.01. For more information please refer to the following link: <a href="https://conta.cc/3pP94cP">https://conta.cc/3pP94cP</a>.

Click <u>HERE</u> to watch the VIIS mandate presentation sponsored by our partners Immunize VA and the Virginia Chapter of the AAP.

#### **Common Questions**

What if I have access to VIIS but do not currently submit vaccine data? If you are currently accessing VIIS to view vaccine data but are not reporting doses administered by your practice, you can start submitting immunization information through one of two methods:

- ♦ Manually enter administered vaccine doses of vaccine into the VIIS
- ♦ Connect your Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to VIIS to set up an interface for electronic data exchange.

**How do I get set up to report vaccines?** Follow the enrollment process below.

#### **Provider Enrollment Process**

If you are new to VIIS, the enrollment process consists of the following:

- 1) Complete and submit the "2022 Mandate Pre-Registration" form at the link below. If there are multiple sites for one organization, each site must complete a Pre-Registration form.
- 2) A VIIS Trainer will contact each site to discuss the VERIP registration and training options for their staff.
- 3) Complete and submit a Registration in the Virginia Electronic Registration for Immunization Programs (VERIP) System for each location. Navigate to the link below and select "New to VERIP?- Register Here" to complete the form.

https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/VERIP/Home.aspx

#### **Changes to your EMR?**

When changing your Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system, notify the VIIS Help Desk. VIIS staff need to know which EMR you are using to effectively track your data and verify it is coming over correctly. The VIIS Help Desk can assist in obtaining and completing a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which needs to be updated each time you change your EMR. The immunization messages sent from your new EMR are checked for accuracy of formatting and coding. Good communication helps to promote our common goal, that the immunizations you give are accurately reflected in VIIS.

#### **Review Data Sent Via Data Exchange**

Data Exchange already set up? Great! Don't forget to check your data that is uploaded to VIIS. Having access to both VIIS and your Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system, enables you to validate completeness and accuracy of data that is transmitted.

## **VIIS Trainers**

Are you in need of VIIS registration and/or training? Contact your Regional Trainer or the VIIS Help Desk:

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#### VIIS TRAINING SCHEDULE/RESOURCES

Have questions about VIIS functions and user roles?
Visit the link below for training videos and user
quides:

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/viisresources/

Click **HERE** to view the weekly VIIS training schedule.



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#### Click **HERE** for Updated Covid-19 Vaccination Guidance

**Table 2.** COVID-19 vaccination schedule for people who are **not** moderately or severely immunocompromised\*

Primary series vaccine manufacturer	Age group	Number of doses in primary series	Number of booster doses	Interval between 1st and 2nd primary doses	Interval between primary series and booster dose
Pfizer-BioNTech	5–11 years	2	NA	3 weeks	NA
Pfizer-BioNTech	12 years and older	2	1 <sup>†</sup>	3-8 weeks <sup>‡</sup>	At least 5 months <sup>†</sup>
Moderna	18 years and older	2	1†	4-8 weeks <sup>‡</sup>	At least 5 months <sup>†</sup>
Janssen	18 years and older	1	1†	NA	At least 2 months <sup>+</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>All people ages 12 years and older should receive 1 booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Some adults may receive a second booster dose:

- Adults ages 18-49 years: Those who received Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine as both their primary series dose and booster dose may receive an mRNA COVID-19 booster dose at least 4 months after the Janssen booster dose.
- Adults ages 50 years and older: A second mRNA booster dose could benefit people ages 50 years and older, as they are at increased risk for severe COVID-19. People ages 50 years and older may choose to receive a second booster dose, if it has been at least 4 months after the first booster

**Table 3:** COVID-19 vaccination schedule for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised\*

Primary vaccination	Age group	Number of primary vaccine doses	Number of booster doses	Interval between 1st and 2nd dose	Interval between 2nd and 3rd dose	Interval between 3rd and 4th dose
Pfizer- BioNTech	5–11 years	3	NA	3 weeks	At least 4 weeks	NA
Pfizer- BioNTech	12 years and older	3	1*	3 weeks	At least 4 weeks	At least 3 months*
Moderna	18 years and older	3	1*	4 weeks	At least 4 weeks	At least 3 months*
Janssen	18 years and older	1 Janssen, followed by 1 mRNA	1*	4 weeks	At least 2 months	NA*

<sup>\*</sup>People ages 12 years and older may choose to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least 4 months after the first booster dose.

Please Note: Word of mouth reporting of administered COVID immunizations are not allowed. Written proof must be provided.

COVID-19 Call Center: For questions about COVID-19 please call 877-VAX-IN-VA; (877) 829-4682