

# Importance of offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines

## 1 Critical to slowing down the COVID-19 pandemic

- The vaccines are safe and effective for building immunity against COVID-19
- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is currently the only vaccine approved for 12-17 year olds, and approval for 5-11 year olds is expected in October 2021

## 2 Builds trust in the vaccine and increases uptake among children

- Pediatricians are the primary source of vaccines for children – their recommendation helps parents feel comfortable getting their child vaccinated

## 3 Simple and straightforward handling procedure

- See back for details on how to safely store the Pfizer 12+ COVID-19 vaccine

# NJ Department of Health's asks to pediatricians

## 1 Reach out to your patients and their parents / guardians

- Provide information on eligibility, safety, and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccinations for children
- Send notices to all patients on their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to alert them to their COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and where to access a vaccine

## 2 Register to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider

- Visit [this link](#) or call 833-310-2155 for live support on registration and inquiries regarding becoming a COVID-19 vaccine provider

## 3 Start vaccinating!

## Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 12+ *(with purple tops)* can be safely stored and handled in small batches in medical offices



Storage requirements for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 12+ (with purple tops) **allow for small quantities of vaccine to be stored in refrigerators (2 - 8 degrees C).**

Vaccines stored at refrigerated temperatures (2 - 8 degrees C) have a beyond use date of **31 days.**



Vaccine storage units must have **digital data loggers (DDLs)** for temperature monitoring, and there must be a backup available.



Sites storing vaccines must have a signed **CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement**, and must have been vetted by VPDP to ensure compliance with all program requirements.



Sites transporting vaccine must have **qualified containers** with DDLs.



**Waste is acceptable;** if you need to puncture a vial for only one patient and waste other doses – that is preferable to not administering a vaccine to that one patient.

*Storage and handling guidance for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 5-11 is pending approval.*

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