

ACP COVID-19 Vaccine Response

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ACP COVID-19 Vaccine Policy

- Review and support of ACIP recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines
 - [ACP Supports ACIP Recommendation for Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine*](#)
 - [ACP Supports ACIP Recommendation for Second COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
 - [ACP Supports ACIP Recommendation for COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [ACP Policy Statement on the Provision, Distribution, and Payment of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

ACP supports utilizing all appropriately trained, state-licensed clinicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines. Physicians may play a role in advising and counseling patients on COVID-19 vaccines, addressing concerns and vaccine hesitancy, and providing post-vaccine counseling.

*Currently on pause. CDC issued a health alert regarding cases of CVST with thrombocytopenia after receipt of J&J vaccine

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Role of Primary Care in COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

- Importance of Primary Care Physicians
 - Patients trust their primary care physician’s recommendations
 - Strong physician recommendation is critical in increasing vaccine uptake
- Primary care physicians spend significant time and investment in supporting COVID-19 vaccination efforts (even if they do not currently administer COVID-19 vaccines)
 - Finding available vaccines for vulnerable patients
 - Building vaccine confidence
 - Addressing concerns about vaccine safety and efficacy
- Some challenges for PCPs
 - Receiving adequate payment for vaccine counseling ([ACP letter to CMS on COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling](#))
 - Getting access to vaccine supply
 - Maintaining routine care, addressing backlog of care due to pandemic
 - Offering extended hours for vaccinations
 - Practical challenges (scheduling, documentation, storage and handling requirements, staffing shortages, etc.)

COVID-19 Vaccine Education & Resources

[Vaccination Resources](#) – published in ACP’s COVID-19 Physician’s Guide

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Resources: Vaccination

Find In This Section:

- Janssen (J&J) Vaccine: VITT Alert Status (cerebral sinus vein thrombosis a thrombocytopenia)
- Summary of Available Vaccines
- Key Points About Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines
- For People Who Are Fully Vaccinated
- Safety Data, Communication Tips, Recommendations, and Tracking System
- Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation
- ACP’s Position on COVID-19 Vaccines

	Pfizer–BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
Vaccine Type	mRNA	mRNA	Adenovirus vector
Ages	16 and older	18 and older	18 and older
Dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-dose • 21-day interval (or up to 6 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-dose • 28-day interval (or up to 6 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-dose
Vials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-dose vial • Up to 6 doses/vial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-dose vial • 10 doses/vial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-dose vial • 5 doses/vial
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.3 mL dose • Dilution required • IM injection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 mL dose • No dilution required • IM injection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 mL dose • No dilution required • IM injection
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultra-cold (-80 to -60 °C) freezer • Can be stored in refrigerator (2-8°C) up to 5 days (prior to mixing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freezer (-25 to -15°C) • Can be stored in refrigerator (2-8°C) up to 30 days (prior to puncturing vial) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerator (2-8°C) for up to 3 months • 2-year shelf life when frozen (-25 to -15°C)

- Understand Vaccine Safety Data and Implement Safety Procedures +
- Follow Clinical Recommendations +
- Become Familiar with Local Vaccination Plans +
- Vaccinate your Staff +
- Build Vaccine Confidence +
- Recommend COVID-19 Vaccine to Patients +
- Answer questions about COVID-19 vaccines +
- Engage in COVID-19 Vaccine Tracking +
- Become a COVID-19 Vaccination Site +

Resources: ACP/Annals COVID-19 Vaccine Forum Series

Presented by The American College of Physicians and *Annals of Internal Medicine*, these virtual forums feature a panel of experts providing practical information related to what physicians and other health care professionals need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine.

- [Forum 1: COVID-19 Vaccine: What Physicians Need to Know](#)
- [Forum 2: Promoting Vaccine Confidence](#)
- [Forum 3: Allocation & Distribution](#)
- [Forum 4: Practice Clinical Considerations](#)

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For More Information

- ACP COVID-19 Physician's Guide (www.acponline.org/coronavirus)
 - Includes Vaccination Resources section
- ACP COVID-19 Vaccine Resources Hub (<https://www.acponline.org/clinical-information/clinical-resources-products/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-for-internists/coronavirus-vaccine-resources>)

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