



Dear RHC Community,



HRSA has been hard at work standing up the RHC Vaccine Distribution program. They have asked us to pass along the following message to the RHC community. You will see that they have created an official web-based form for you to fill out if you are interested in receiving vaccines.

If you filled out the NARHC survey we sent out a month ago (which is now closed) then you do not need to submit information again. However, if you did not fill out our survey, or if you are not sure whether you filled it out, please fill out the form linked below.

Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Rural Health Clinics

All RHCs are eligible to receive direct shipments of their choice of COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, and/or Johnson & Johnson) through the [Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program](https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/rural-health-clinics/distribution) (<https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/rural-health-clinics/distribution>). If you are interested in receiving COVID-19 vaccines for your community, please fill out [this form](#) at your earliest convenience.

Changes for Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines

As you may have heard there have been some important changes related to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine that may be beneficial to your community:

- HRSA is now able to ship minimum orders of **450 doses** (down from 1,170 doses)
- Storage temperatures before puncture are between:
 - 2° C and 8° C (36° F and 46° F) for up to 1 month (31 days)
 - -80° C and -60° C (-112° F and -76° F) until the expiration date
- People **age 12 and older** are currently able to receive the Pfizer vaccine

More information about storage and handling for all 3 COVID-19 vaccines is located here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/covid19-vaccine-quick-reference-guide-2pages.pdf>

Take Every Opportunity to Vaccinate Every Eligible Person

Don't let concerns about potential vaccine wastage prevent you from participating in the RHC COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program. We don't want to miss an opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person when they are ready to get vaccinated, even if that means leaving unused doses of COVID-19 in the vial.

Questions?

Reach out to the RHC COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Team at
RHCVaxDistribution@hrsa.gov.

Need to Increase Vaccine Confidence in Your Community?

Don't forget to apply for HRSA's [Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Confidence \(RHCVC\) Program](#). **All eligible Medicare-certified RHCs will receive funding. Contact** RHCVaxConfidence@hrsa.gov **with questions.**