

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Preparing for New COVID-19 Immunizations

The CDC is working with stakeholders to prepare for the release of COVID-19 vaccinations. As they prepare for the release, we wanted to make our customers aware of what preparations they can make today to be ready to administer these vaccines when they become available. ***CDC is urging organizations to build vaccines and associated codes in their EHR systems ASAP.***

Your Formulary Service Vendor (FSV) may already have the drug data for the new vaccines available in their files. If so, you should perform your FSV update as soon as possible so that data is loaded into the system. If your FSV does not have these available yet, or if you're unable to perform a FSV update in the near future, you'll need to manually set up the necessary supporting dictionaries to allow you to create the drug entry to associate with one of the new vaccines. Please reference [KB 65861](#) for a guide of the dictionaries to review for your drug build.

Once you have the necessary drug dictionaries available, you'll want to follow the normal process for creating a new vaccine in your MEDITECH system. Please follow MEDITECH's guides (see links below by platform) for creating your new immunizations. This ensures that administered vaccines are accurately recorded in the system and can be sent to your state's Immunization Information System (IIS) interface. We recommend referencing [KB 49019](#) and the associated Best Practices for instructions on how to update your system with the new vaccine codes.

For details on CPT codes, please visit the [AMA's COVID-19 CPT Vaccine and Immunization Codes](#) page. CDC has also recently published a crosswalk of all vaccine codes, including CVX codes, on their [Immunization Information Systems \(IIS\) Code Sets](#) page.

To receive updates directly from the CDC regarding availability of the new vaccines, please subscribe to the [CDC CVX Code Set](#) page. Here, currently available administrable vaccines, will be published. We also encourage you to subscribe to the [MEDITECH COVID-19 Resources page](#) and [MEDITECH COVID-19 Regulatory Resources page](#) for more information from us.

Immunization Best Practice Setup

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