

Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Guidance for Enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recognizes that there are circumstances in which COVID-19 vaccine must be redistributed from the identified Ohio COVID-19 vaccine primary ship-to sites to other enrolled vaccine provider locations or transported to off-site clinics. Movement of vaccine is ***not a recommended practice, but is permitted between enrolled providers upon approval by ODH.***

When vaccine needs redistributed or transported, providers must follow the guidelines below.

When vaccine can/should be redistributed

Examples of acceptable scenarios for redistribution of COVID-19 vaccine include:

- Transferring short-dated doses to avoid waste.
 - Request ODH approval by completing a [COVID-19 Vaccine Request of Movement form](#) online.
 - Upon approval, use the [COVID-19 Vaccine Record of Movement Form](#) to track the transport and inventory transferred
- Emergency transport due to power outage, vaccine storage unit failure, or other emergency situations.
 - Follow protocols outlined in your facility's Vaccine Management Plan.
 - Emergency transport does not require pre-approval from ODH.
 - Use the [COVID-19 Vaccine Record of Movement Form](#) to track the transport and inventory transferred.
- Transferring doses to enrolled providers to ensure timely administration of vaccine to currently identified priority phase populations in limited situations when direct shipment by ODH to transferee did not occur, based on planning or logistical limitations.
 - Request ODH approval by completing a [COVID-19 Vaccine Request of Movement form](#) online.
 - Upon approval, use the [COVID-19 Vaccine Record of Movement Form](#) to track the transport and inventory transferred

Vaccine **CANNOT** be moved outside of Ohio and should not be moved outside of the county of the originating provider.

COVID-19 Vaccine Transportation Reminders

1. Use a temperature monitoring device that can measure minimum and maximum temperatures; and ensure the min/max is reset prior to moving the vaccine to maintain vaccine viability during transport. Read [guidance on transporting the Moderna vaccine](#) here.
2. Pack vaccines according to the [CDC guidelines](#) on proper vaccine transport. Ensure products are moved according to the manufacturer's guidance for both [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#). Only sealed (non-punctured) vials may be moved.

3. Pack all syringes, needles, and ancillary items needed to administer the vaccines.
4. Make [inventory adjustments](#) in ImpactSIIS for both locations.
5. Sites must have a plan to ensure the same amount of vaccine will be redistributed when second doses are needed, so all vaccine recipients receive both doses in the series.
6. Both locations must keep record of movement on file.
7. Originating site must submit this completed form to covidvaccine@odh.ohio.gov

If you have any questions or issues, please call the ODH Provider Call Center at 1-844-9ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829) or email COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov. You also may visit the ODH [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Information Training page](#) for additional information and resources.