

Bridge Access Program Guidelines

Read the **Bridge Provider Agreement** in its entirety and adhere to all requirements. As the agreement outlines, providers must screen each patient for eligibility before administering a BAP COVID-19 dose.

Patient Eligibility:

- *Eligible* – Adult patients aged 18+ who are **uninsured or underinsured** are eligible for a BAP COVID-19 dose.
- *Ineligible* – Adult patients with Medicaid, Medicare, or those who have insurance that cover the **full** cost of the COVID-19 dose are ineligible for a BAP COVID-19 dose.

Redistribution & Borrowing:

Redistribution and borrowing of COVID-19 vaccines is **not permitted** for BAP COVID-19 doses.

- Redistribution – Transferring vaccine from one site to another site not enrolled in BAP.
 - *If a provider wants to transfer vaccine to another BAP enrolled site within the same health system, all requests must be sent to Nyandra McFadden, BAP Coordinator, at nyandra.mcfadden@phila.gov.*
- Borrowing – Replacing vaccine with private stock or from other federally funded programs.
 - *Borrowing is **prohibited**. BAP doses **cannot** be administered to private patients or used for other federally funded programs such as Vaccines for Children (VFC). Similarly, private doses and doses from other federal programs **cannot** be administered to BAP patients.*

Opened or Unopened Vaccine Wastage:

- **Unopened** COVID-19 vaccines that are expired or spoiled should be returned to the manufacturer. Use **this guide** to complete a return in PhilaVax.
- **Open** COVID-19 vaccines that are expired or spoiled should be **wasted**. Use **this guide** to waste vaccine in PhilaVax.

Beyond Use Date (BUD):

- The BUD is the last day that the vaccine can be safely used after it has been transitioned between storage states (frozen, thawed, refrigerated, room temperature) or altered (diluted, drawn up for administration, etc.) for patient use. **The BUD replaces the manufacturer's expiration date but never extends it.**
- Place a BUD label on vaccine after it has been transferred from storage states. BUD labels can be ordered through PDPH's immunization program **[here](#)**.

COVID-19 Storage & Handling:

- If your site is enrolled in the Vaccines for Children Program and Bridge Access Program, clearly label each vaccine stock and keep doses separate from each other.
- PDPH's Immunization Program can provide you with stickers to label your BAP stock.
- **Pfizer** can be stored for 10 weeks in fridge after transfer from freezer.
 - *Comirnaty 12+ single dose pre-filled syringe is shipped and stored at fridge temperatures and BUD does not apply. Use until expiration date printed on box.*
- **Moderna** can be stored for 30 days in fridge after transfer from freezer.
- **Novavax** is shipped and stored at fridge temperatures and BUD does not apply. Use until expiration date printed on box.

BAP vs. VFC:

- BAP and VFC are two separate programs. There are separate enrollment processes for each program.
- If your site is enrolled in VFC and BAP and a patient is 18, they should receive a VFC dose.