



Update _2_0_173H

Clinical Reminders

**VA-COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REMINDER UPDATE H
Install Guide**

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Introduction

DESCRIPTION: This update revises the top portion (above the COVID-19 Immunization Actions section) of the VA-SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION and VA-SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION TEMPLATE reminder dialogs. Age range information for each approved vaccine has been added. Branching logic has also been added to display adolescent specific information for the Pfizer vaccine if the patient is 12-17 years old. The update also revises the text in the following four template fields.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT PRIORITIZATION WARNING

- Update: Essential worker warning removed from dialog.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT CDC ACIP

- Update: Essential worker warning removed from dialog, COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing, and persons with a history of an episode of an immune-mediated syndrome characterized by thrombosis and thrombocytopenia, such as heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, should not receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if it has been ≤90 days since their illness resolved.

IM SARS COV-2 VA SIDE EFFECTS AE REPORTING

- Update: URL for the VA side effects reporting form has been updated.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT ANAPHYLAXIS

- Update: Persons with a history of an episode of an immune-mediated syndrome characterized by thrombosis and thrombocytopenia, such as heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, should not receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if it has been ≤90 days since their illness resolved.

UPDATE_2_0_173H contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

UPDATE_2_0_173H VA-COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

REMINDER TERMS

VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_173H
VA-COVID-19 ADOLESCENT AGE RANGE

REMINDER SPONSOR

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION
(NCP)

TEMPLATE FIELDS

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT CDC ACIP
IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT ANAPHYLAXIS
IM SARS COV-2 ADOLESCENT-CHILD APPROVAL TEXT
IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT EUA AGES
IM SARS COV-2 VA PRE SCREEN FORM
IM SARS COV-2 CDC VACCINE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION URL

IM SARS COV-2 CDC VACCINE INFO URL
IM SARS COV-2 VHA VACCINE INFO URL
IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT OTHER
IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT
IM SARS COV-2 PROVIDER EUA FACT URL A1
IM SARS COV-2 PROVIDER EUA FACT URL D2
IM SARS COV-2 PROVIDER EUA FACT URL C2

HEALTH SUMMARY COMPONENT

PCE IMMUNIZATIONS SELECTED
PCE IMMUNIZATIONS SELECT CHRON

HEALTH SUMMARY TYPE

SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION

HEALTH SUMMARY OBJECTS

SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION (TIU)

TIU DOCUMENT DEFINITION

SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION

REMINDER DIALOG

SARS-COV-2 IMMUN UPDATE 173H V2.8

Install Details

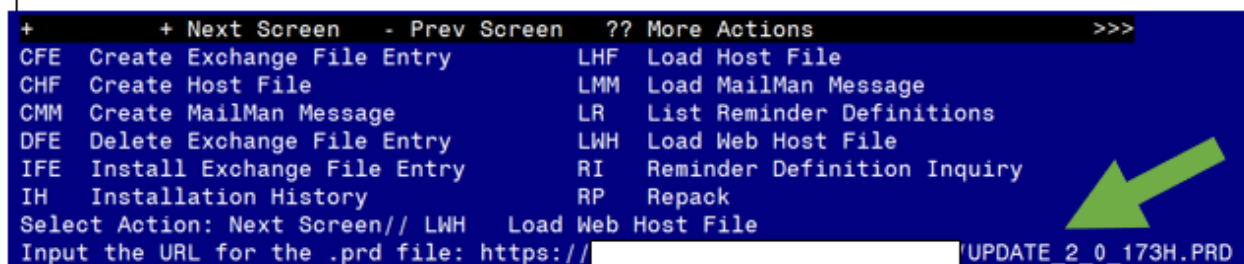
This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is:
https://vaww.va.gov/reminders/docs/UPDATE_2_0_173H.PRD

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required.

This update can be loaded with users on the system. Installation will take less than 5 minutes

Install Example


To Load the Web Host File. Navigate to Reminder exchange in Vista



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+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
CFE  Create Exchange File Entry      LHF  Load Host File
CHF  Create Host File                 LMM  Load MailMan Message
CMM  Create MailMan Message           LR   List Reminder Definitions
DFE  Delete Exchange File Entry       LWH  Load Web Host File
IFE  Install Exchange File Entry      RI   Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH   Installation History              RP   Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// LWH  Load Web Host File
Input the URL for the .prd file: https:// UPDATE_2_0_173H.PRD
```

At the **Select Action:** prompt, enter **LWH** for Load Web Host File
 At the **Input the url for the .prd file:** prompt, type the following web address:
https://REDACTED /UPDATE_2_0_173H.PRD

Search and locate an entry titled **UPDATE_2_0_173H VA-COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REMINDER.**



+Item	Entry	Source	Date Packed
163	UPDATE_2_0_173H VA-COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REMINDER		05/24/2021@08:50
164	UPDATE_2_0_174 VAAES TEMPLATE UPDATES		11/12/2020@11:26
165	UPDATE_2_0_175 VA-CLINICAL APPEAL DECISION		11/20/2020@10:46
166	UPDATE_2_0_176 VA-ONC LUNG AND PROSTATE MOLECULAR TESTING		02/05/2021@06:36
167	UPDATE_2_0_177 VA-HOMELESSNESS FOOD		02/09/2021@13:33
+ Next Screen - Prev Screen ?? More Actions >>>			
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Select Action: Next Screen// IFE Install Exchange File Entry			
Enter a list or range of numbers (1-447): 163			

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry
 Enter the number that corresponds with your entry **UPDATE_2_0_173H VA-COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REMINDER.** (in this example it is entry 163 it will vary by site). The date of the exchange file should be 05/24/2021.

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Date Packed: 05/24/2021@08:50:43
Package Version: 2.0P42

Description:

Keywords:

Components:

ROUTINE
  PXRMPDEM X

TIU TEMPLATE FIELD
  1 IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT CDC ACIP X
  2 IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT ANAPHYLAXIS X
+ Enter ?? for more actions >>>
IA Install all Components IS Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
  
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At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for **Install All Components** and hit enter.

Overwrite the template fields
 Overwrite the health summary type

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		SARS-COV-2 IMMUN UPDATE 173H V2.8	dialog	
2	5	VA-TEXT SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION HEADER Finding: *NONE*	element	X
3	6	VA-TEXT SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION HEADER TEMPLATE Finding: *NONE*	element	X
4	10	VAL-SARS-COV-2 VACCINE INFO TEXT GP Finding: *NONE*	group	X
5	10.3	VAL-SARS-COV-2 VACCINE INFO TEXT GP 1 Finding: *NONE*	group	X
6	10.3.4	VAL-SARS-COV-2 VACCINE INFO TEXT GP EUA Finding: *NONE*	group	X
7	10.3.4.5	VAL-SARS-COV-2 VACCINE INFO TEXT EUA URLS	element	X
+ + Next Screen - Prev Screen ?? More Actions				
DD	Dialog Details	DT	Dialog Text	IS Install Selected
DF	Dialog Findings	DU	Dialog Usage	QU Quit
DS	Dialog Summary	IA	Install All	
Select Action: Next Screen// IA				

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for **Install All Components** and hit enter. This element is only used to deploy the TIU template fields.

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Select Action: Next Screen// Q				

You will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q**.

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IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// 0

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Post-Installation

1. Confirm the following changes in the VA-SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION reminder dialog.

A. Essential workers warning removed.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT PRIORITIZATION WARNING before (Only displayed for outpatients):

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 Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19
Note: CDC/ACIP has identified essential workers as a priority group for immunization.
Essential workers are not identified by reminder evaluation. Many essential workers
who are high priority for immunization may not have this reminder showing as due even
though they are a priority group for immunization and should be vaccinated.

No prior COVID-19 immunization

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IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT PRIORITIZATION WARNING after:

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 Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

No prior COVID-19 immunization

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B. The URL for the VA side effects reporting form has been updated.

IM SARS COV-2 VA SIDE EFFECTS AE REPORTING template field is in each vaccine administration option.

Document administration of COVID-19 vaccine today

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

[Moderna EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

[VA Side Effects and Adverse Events Reporting Fact Sheet](#)

C. COVID-19 Vaccine VHA/CDC Recommendations have been updated. IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT CDC ACIP before (highlighted sections have been edited):

Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheets and EUA Requirements

COVID-19 Vaccine VHA/CDC Recommendations

VHA Vaccine Policies and Guidance including vaccine prioritization:

[VHA - COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance](#)

CDC and ACIP Guidance:

[CDC - COVID-19 Vaccination Resources](#)

The mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series consist of two doses administered intramuscularly:

Pfizer-BioNTech (30 µg, 0.3 ml): 3 weeks (21 days) apart

Moderna (100 µg, 0.5 ml): 1 month (28 days) apart

The Janssen adenovirus vectored vaccine is a single dose vaccine administered intramuscularly. Janssen (0.5 ml) vector-nr, rS-Ad26.

For 2 dose vaccines:

Persons should NOT be scheduled to receive the second dose earlier than recommended. However, second doses administered within a grace period of 4 days earlier than the recommended date for the second dose are still considered valid. Doses inadvertently administered earlier than the grace period do not need to be repeated. Recipients may be scheduled for their 2nd dose up to 6 weeks after the first dose to accommodate for scheduling circumstances. Doses administered after 6 weeks do not need to be repeated.

Per ACIP, COVID vaccination should be administered alone and spaced from any other vaccine by 14 days (in either direction). ACIP also recommends that vaccine should not be administered for at least 90 days after receiving monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma. However, if this suggested spacing does not occur between vaccines or between vaccine and antibody or plasma treatment, no vaccines need to be repeated.

CDC considers a history of the following to be a contraindication to vaccination with both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines:

Severe allergic reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or any of its components
Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or any of its components (including polyethylene glycol [PEG])
Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to polysorbate (due to potential cross-reactive hypersensitivity with the vaccine ingredient PEG)

CDC currently recommends that persons who receive an mRNA vaccine be observed after vaccination for the following time periods:

Persons with a history of anaphylaxis (due to any cause): 30 minutes

All other persons: 15 minutes

Appropriate medical treatment for severe allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event that an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of COVID-19 vaccine.

Prioritization:

****NOTE:** this clinical reminder cannot identify essential workers who are priority and may not show as DUE NOW on patients who are a priority for immunization.

ACIP defines frontline essential workers as the subset of essential workers likely at greatest risk for work-related exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, because their work-related duties must be performed onsite and their duties involve being in close proximity (<6 feet) to the public or coworkers.

More information on CDC prioritization and definition of essential workers can be found at the URL below.

[CDC - COVID-19 Vaccination Phased Implementation](#)

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT CDC ACIP after:

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Persons with a history of an episode of an immune-mediated syndrome characterized by thrombosis and thrombocytopenia, such as heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, should not receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if it has been =90 days since their illness resolved. These persons should be offered an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

[CDC - COVID-19 Vaccination Phased Implementation](#)

D. Information of precautions related to allergy and anaphylaxis updated.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT ANAPHYLAXIS before (highlighted section has been edited):

Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheets and EUA Requirements

COVID-19 Vaccine VHA/CDC Recommendations

Information on precautions related to allergy and anaphylaxis

[VHA Pre-Vaccination Form for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[CDC - Preparing for the Potential Management of Anaphylaxis](#)

VHA recommends:

Review CDC guidance for recognition and management of anaphylaxis at COVID-19 vaccination sites.

Guidance may change as further information becomes available. As new information emerges, sites should update their own protocols to fit local needs. Sites should utilize their best judgement to:

Communicate with patients on vaccine safety.

Screen for contraindications and precautions before administering COVID-19 vaccines.

Implement postvaccination observation periods.

Recognize signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis.

Respond promptly with treatment.

Document any allergic reaction after vaccine, including anaphylaxis, should be reported as an Adverse Event per local policy and in VA ADERS Program

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Persons who receive a COVID-19 vaccine be observed after vaccination for the following time periods:

Persons with a history of anaphylaxis (due to any cause): 30 minutes

All other persons: 15 minutes

Appropriate medical treatment for severe allergic reactions must be immediately available in the event that an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of COVID-19 vaccine.

A clinical provider with access to the emergency equipment should be immediately available to assess and manage anaphylaxis.

IM SARS COV-2 INFO TEXT ANAPHYLAXIS after:

Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

- COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheets and EUA Requirements
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E. The age-range information for each approved vaccine displays.

COVID-19 Immunization (SARS-CoV-2 Immunization) V1.6

Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

- COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheets and EUA Requirements
- COVID-19 Vaccine VHA/CDC Recommendations
- Information on precautions related to allergy and anaphylaxis

No prior COVID-19 immunization

Vaccine	Age range	Approval
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	18 years of age and older	EUA
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	12 years of age and older	EUA
Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine	18 years of age and older	EUA

F. The following information displays for patients 12-17yo.

COVID-19 Immunization (SARS-CoV-2 Immunization) V2.0
 Detailed information on vaccine for COVID-19

No prior COVID-19 immunization

Vaccine	Age range	Approval
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	18 years of age and older	FDA
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	12 years of age and older	FDA
Janassen COVID-19 Vaccine	18 years of age and older	EMA

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for 12-17 year old persons. Moderna and Janassen COVID-19 vaccines are not authorized for persons younger than 18.

The vaccinator has confirmed with the adolescent that they wish to proceed with vaccination.