



# New Mexico Department of Health 2025-2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Standing Order

Effective Date 09/10/2025

## PURPOSE

To reduce morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 by streamlining vaccine delivery across the state, this statewide COVID-19 vaccine standing order authorizes qualified health care providers, as defined below, to vaccinate persons aged 6 months and older, including pregnant individuals, who meet the criteria established by the New Mexico Department of Health's immunization program: [NMDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Guidelines](#).

## AUTHORITY

Under NMSA 1978, Sections 24-1-3(C) and 24-1-3(K), the NMDOH has the authority to:

- Investigate, control, and abate disease outbreaks and mortality.
- Ensure quality, accessible health services when care is otherwise unavailable.

## POLICY

Qualified providers—physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, and pharmacists holding an active and valid license in New Mexico—may assess eligibility and administer any FDA-approved 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine appropriate for age and health status (COMIRNATY, SPIKEVAX, MNEXSPIKE, or NUVAXOVID). Off-label use is permitted per professional guidelines and NMDOH recommendations: [NMDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Guidelines](#).

As defined in this order, qualified health care providers include the following licensees who hold a New Mexico license in active status: physicians as set forth in the Medical Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-6-1 to -35, physician assistants as set forth in the Physician Assistant Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-6C-1 to -8, nurses as set forth in the Nurse Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-3-1 to -31, and pharmacists as set forth in the Pharmacy Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-11-1 to -31.

## PROCEDURE

### 1. NMDOH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF COVID-19 VACCINE

- Offer vaccine to all individuals  $\geq 65$  years and those 6 months–24 months.
- Offer vaccine to all individuals 2–64 years at high risk OR cohabiting with or caring for high-risk persons.
- Offer vaccine to individuals who are pregnant, recently pregnant, and lactating individuals.
- Offer vaccine to long-term care residents and those in congregate care settings.
- Offer vaccine to health care workers.
- May offer to any healthy person 2–64 years wishing protection.

Persons with immune-compromise or underlying conditions may self-attest to their medical conditions or treatments.

Additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine may be offered based on the individual's clinical circumstances

Patients with known COVID-19 infection should defer vaccination until their symptoms have resolved and may choose to defer vaccination up to 90 days, as reinfection within 90 days is uncommon.

## **2. SCREEN FOR CONTRAINDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS.**

[Contraindications and Precautions | COVID-19 | CDC](#)

### **Contraindications:**

- History of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- See Section 11 of the package insert for the vaccine being administered for ingredients.

### **Precautions:**

- History of:
  - A diagnosed non-severe allergy to a component of COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Non-severe, immediate (onset less than 4 hours) allergic reaction after administration of a previous dose of one COVID-19 vaccine type.
  - Moderate to severe acute illness, with or without fever.
  - Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) or adults (MIS-A).
  - Myocarditis or pericarditis within 3 weeks after a dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.
- Persons who have a contraindication to additional doses of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are considered to have a precaution to Nuvaxovid vaccine.

## **3. PROVIDE VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS)**

Provide all patients with a copy of the most current federal [VIS for COVID-19](#) in their preferred language.

## **4. ADMINISTRATION**

- Administer any recommended, age-appropriate, COVID-19 vaccine according to the current vaccine product insert and best practices.
- COVID-19 Vaccines may be co-administered with other immunizations.
- Observe seated patients for 15 minutes.

## **5. DOCUMENT VACCINATION**

Record vaccine date, product, lot, site, route, VIS dates, and administrator details in medical/pharmacy records, patient card, and in NMSIIS (state law requirement).

## **6. BE PREPARED TO MANAGE MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.**

Maintain protocols and supplies for managing vaccine reactions, including anaphylaxis, per Immunize.org guidelines.

## **7. REPORT ADVERSE EVENTS TO VAERS.**

Report adverse events and administration errors following the administration of COVID-19 vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) at

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>.

## STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZATION

This standing order authorizes health care providers to administer the 2025-2026 COMIRNATY, MNEXSPIKE, SPIKEVAX, and NUVAXOVID COVID-19 vaccines to all persons aged 6 months and older consistent with the policy and procedure above.

This standing order does not establish the NMDOH or its clinicians as the healthcare provider for the individual. Individuals seeking more comprehensive healthcare should see a primary care provider.

This standing order is effective September 10, 2025, through August 30, 2026, or until withdrawn by the NMDOH Chief Medical Officer or designee, whichever comes first. NMDOH retains the right to modify, rescind, or supplement this order as needed.

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Patient DOB:

Patient Name:

Patient Address:

Patient phone number:

**Medication:** 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer COMIRNATY; Moderna SPIKEVAX; Moderna MNEXSPIKE; or Novavax NUVAXOVID)

**Quantity:** one dose

**Directions for use:** administer one dose of 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine per package insert

**Refills:** 0

**Indication:** Protection from COVID-19 infection

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