



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
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ALERT

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Health Care Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health
Fax number: (503) 472-9731

Date: **7/29/21**

Regarding: *Johnson & Johnson/Janssen
COVID-19 vaccine expiration extension and
National Immunization Awareness Month
resources.*

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**

Please see the below message from the Oregon Immunization Partner update regarding Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine expiration extension and National Immunization Awareness Month resources.

1. Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Expiration Extension

The Food & Drug Administration [authorized an extension](#) of the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine from 4.5 months to 6 months (an additional 45 days). The decision is based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which have demonstrated that the vaccine is stable at 6 months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36 – 46 degrees Fahrenheit (2 – 8 degrees Celsius).

Vaccine providers should visit <https://vaxcheck.jnj/> to confirm the latest expiration dates of vaccine, including those currently available for administration throughout the U.S. This extension applies to refrigerated vials of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine that have been held in accordance with the manufacturer's storage conditions.

COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized under an EUA do not have fixed expiration dates, and their expiration dates can be extended as we get more stability data. Always be sure to check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for COVID-19 vaccines you have on hand.

2. National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). Join CDC and other partners in educating and bringing awareness to the importance of getting caught up on healthcare appointments and routine vaccinations. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some families and individuals missed their routine checkups and vaccinations. With children going back to school and adults going back to the

workplace, it is now more important than ever for everyone to get back on track with routine vaccinations.

Resources are available to help you encourage routinely recommended vaccines for a variety of audiences.

- Two NIAM toolkits to help communicate with [healthcare professionals](#) and [patients and parents](#)
- [Sample newsletters](#) to reach [healthcare professionals](#) and patients
- Educational resources for healthcare professionals and for [parents and patients](#)
- [Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules](#)
- [Adult Vaccine Assessment Tool](#)

In addition, for those who are eligible, resources to aid conversations and inform individuals about the importance of COVID-19 vaccination are available.

- [Talking to Recipients about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Your COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

On social media, use #ivax2protect to join the conversation and share content and resources promoting routine vaccination across the lifespan.