



**Yamhill County**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**Public Health**

# ALERT

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Care Providers**

To: Physicians and Other Health Care Providers  
in Yamhill County

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

Date: **6/14/21**

Regarding: *Extended shelf life of Johnson &  
Johnson COVID-19 vaccine*

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

The Food & Drug Administration [authorized an extension](#) of the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine from 3 months to 4.5 months (an additional 6 weeks). The decision is based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which have demonstrated that the vaccine is stable at 4.5 months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36 – 46 degrees Fahrenheit (2 – 8 degrees Celsius).

Vaccine providers should visit <https://vaxcheck.inj/> 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.

Updating Expiration Dates: 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.

Here are the **instructions for updating the expiration date in ALERT IIS** from the original date to the new expiration date:

1. Look up the expiration date by entering the lot # on the manufacturer website or scanning the QR code on the vaccine label as directed on the appropriate manufacturer's website;
2. In ALERT IIS, click on the "Manage Inventory" link on the Inventory section of the left-hand menu;
3. On the Manage Inventory page, click on the "Show Inventory" button;
4. Click on the Vaccine name in the "Trade Name" column of the inventory item to be updated;
5. Edit the expiration date and click the "Save" button.

If you need help with this please contact the Vaccine Provider Services Help Desk:

971-673-4832 and [VFC.Help@state.or.us](mailto:VFC.Help@state.or.us)