

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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### IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- Shelf Life Extension for Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

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The Food & Drug Administration announced the approval of a shelf life extension for the [Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine](#) for **an additional three months**. The shelf life of this vaccine has been updated from 6 months to **9 months**. This shelf life extension applies to refrigerated vials of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine that have been held in accordance with the manufacturer's storage conditions.

**This shelf life extension applies to all inventory dated to expire on March 7, 2022 or later.** Vaccine dated prior to March 7, 2022 should be disposed of accordingly and reported as waste according to the COVID-19 provider agreement. **Vaccine providers should visit the [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry Checker](#) webpage to confirm the expiration dates.**

COVID-19 vaccines authorized under an EUA do not have fixed expiration dates, and expiration dates may be extended as more stability data becomes available. This decision is based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which have demonstrated that the vaccine is stable at 9 months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36°- 46° Fahrenheit (2°- 8° Celsius). Healthcare providers should always check the manufacturer's website to obtain the most up-to-date expiration dates for the COVID-19 vaccines in inventory.

#### Reporting vaccine wastage in IRIS:

- Verify all vaccine wastage is documented appropriately using the approved adjustment reasons included in the [Adjusting COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory for Wastage](#) instructions.
- **VACCINE WASTAGE ADJUSTMENT REASONS CANNOT BE USED TO CORRECT VACCINE INVENTORY FOR UNACCOUNTED DOSES.**

If healthcare providers have questions regarding IRIS and vaccine inventory, contact the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958.