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RE News: Vaccine Received Nonviable or Questionable, Policy Changes to Look For In 2022, and More



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Vaccine Received Nonviable or Questionable

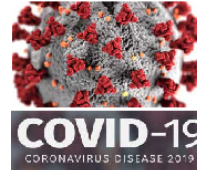
If you are contacted by a provider about a vaccine shipment that is received warm, damaged, or in an otherwise questionable state, it is important to know what qualifies as questionable vaccine and what steps to take while viability is determined. [Learn more.](#)



Policy Changes to Look for in 2022

The updated Texas Vaccine for Children/Adult Safety Net (TVFC/ASN) Operations Manual for Responsible Entities (REs) was released in October 2021 with revisions to TVFC and ASN policies for the upcoming year. [Click here](#) for a comprehensive list of changes to review for 2022.

Learn the latest.



EVI December Cut-off Dates

Beginning in early 2022, Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) and Adult Safety Net (ASN) providers will transition to the Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS) from the Electronic Vaccine Inventory System (EVI) to order and manage TVFC and ASN vaccines. For more information about **important dates** for completing required reporting and ordering vaccine in EVI, [click here](#).

Events

- NOV** American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month
- NOV 12** World Pneumonia Day
- NOV 15-17** 2021 Clinical Vaccinology Course
- NOV 20-21** Annual Infectious Diseases in Children Symposium
- DEC 5-11** National Influenza Vaccination Week



Reducing Risk of COVID-19 and Influenza Through Mitigation

Community mitigation measures are the first line of defense against COVID-19, influenza, and other highly transmissible infectious diseases. Mitigation practices can be used at the earliest stages of a pandemic when vaccines for new viruses or variants may not yet be readily available. Read more about community mitigation measures [here](#).

HPV Vaccination and Cancer Prevention

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), human papillomavirus (HPV) is a vaccine-preventable disease and the most common sexually transmitted infection, currently affecting about one in four individuals in the United States. The most effective strategy to protect adults from HPV and HPV-associated cancers is vaccination with the HPV series. [Click here for recommendations](#) by the Advisory Committee On Immunization Practices on who should get the HPV vaccine series.

Vaccine Choice Opening - November

Beginning Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, you may update your vaccine choices through the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. **In EVI, the "Update Choice" tab will be open at 10 a.m. Central Time on Nov. 8 and close at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19.**

If you do not wish to make any changes to your current vaccine choices, no further action is needed. The next opportunity to update your vaccine choice will be in January 2022.

Holiday Shipping Schedule

To prepare for the upcoming holidays, DSHS Central Office has requested no vaccine deliveries on the following days:

- November 11 – 12, 2021
 - November 22 – 26, 2021
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Emergency Shelters, "Winter is Coming"

Staying warm and safe during extremely cold weather can be a challenge for homeless citizens in Texas. As we prepare for colder months, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released guidelines to protect individuals who may reside in emergency shelters during the upcoming cold season. [Read more.](#)

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