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# **TVFC/ASN Policy and Manual Updates**

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# General Manual Revisions

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## Updates

- Specified which policies apply to the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) and Adult Safety Net (ASN) programs.
- Replaced DSHS Immunization Section with DSHS Immunization Program.
- Included all 18 standards in the Standards for Childhood Immunizations.
- Corrected grammatical errors
- Updated TVFC facility types



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# TVFC Facility Types

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- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updates the eligible facility types for the VFC program annually.
- Facility types can be added and removed, and definitions can be updated.
- There are public and private TVFC facility types.



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# TVFC Facility Types (Public)



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- Harris Health System
- DSHS Public Health Department clinic
- DSHS Public Health Department clinic as agent for FQHC/RHC-deputized
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- HHSC Family Planning Clinic
- Indian Health Service, Tribal, or Urban Clinic
- Local Health Department (LHD)
- Local Health Department (LHD) as agent for FQHC/RHC-deputized
- Migrant Health Center
- Refugee Health Clinic
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- State Hospital
- University Health System
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Clinic



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# TVFC Facility Types (Private)

- Pharmacy
- Private Practice (e.g., family practice, pediatric, primary care)
- Retail Health Clinic

# TVFC Facility Types (Public or Private)



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- Behavioral Health Clinic
- Birthing Hospital or Birthing Center
- Community Vaccinator (non-health department)
- Correctional Facility
- EMS Facility
- Family Planning Clinic (non-health department)
- Hospital
- Juvenile Detention Center
- Mobile Provider
- Residential/Congregate Care Facility
- School-Based Clinic (permanent clinic location)
- STD/HIV Clinic (non-health department)
- Student Health Services
- Teen Health Center (non-health department)
- Urgent/Immediate Care Center
- Other

# TVFC Site Eligibility and Enrollment



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- The primary vaccine coordinator and backup vaccine coordinator are required to have unique email addresses.

Practice Contacts for Careville Pediatrics, Pa

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Taxonomy:  
Vx Administered:  Pediatric  
 IIS: CARE0043 Manner of Usage: Enroll  
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County: BEE Region: 11 Sub-Region: 13

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Provider Manual: Chapter 1 Section B (TVFC Site Eligibility and Enrollment- Site Coordinator Responsibilities)

Operations Manual: Section 7 (Enrolled Clinic Staff Responsibilities- Primary Backup Vaccine Coordinator)



# TVFC Patient Eligibility and Screening

## Nineteen-Year-Olds

- Patients who are 19 years of age and who previously initiated a vaccination series under the TVFC program are eligible to complete the series through the ASN program.
- HPV and Varicella have been removed from the ASN program and are not available as catch-up vaccines.



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**NOTE:** A "series" in this case is specific to two doses of Hepatitis A (HepA); three doses of Hepatitis B (HepB); two doses of Meningococcal Conjugate (ACWY); two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR); and three doses of Tetanus, Diphtheria/Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap).

This policy does not apply to Meningococcal B (MenB), Polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib), or Influenza (Flu) vaccines. This policy also does not apply to booster doses.



# Vaccine Management

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## Approved TVFC Vaccines Added

### TVFC Program Formulary and Manuals

- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunization (Nirsevimab)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### TVFC Program Formulary for Selective Months

- Maternal RSV vaccine (Abrysvo)



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## Vaccine Ordering for Newly Enrolled TVFC/ASN Sites

- Only the primary vaccine coordinator and backup vaccine coordinator have access to Vaccine Allocation and Ordering System (VAOS).



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## Multi-Dose Vials (MDVs)

If a multi-dose has been opened or accessed (e.g., needle-punctured) the vial should be dated and discarded within 28 days, unless the manufacturer specifies a different (shorter or longer) date for that opened vial.



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## Refrigerator and Freezer Requirements

- Any currently enrolled provider using both compartments of a household combination unit that is consistently maintaining the required temperature ranges may continue to do so.
- If temperature excursions occur that cannot be attributed to another cause (e.g., a power outage), providers must discontinue use.

**Providers enrolled after July 1, 2024, will not be allowed to use the freezer compartment of a household combination unit.**



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## Cold Chain Management and Vaccine Transport

- If a portable vaccine refrigerator/freezer unit is used to transport vaccines, follow the manufacturer's requirements regarding the use of packing material, i.e., bubble wrap or cardboard.



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## Data Logger Requirement

- Record the numbers on both sides of the decimal point and do not round (ex: for 46.1°F or 8.1°C, note that the numbers to the right of the decimal meet the criteria for a temperature excursion).
- If a temperature excursion occurs based on the updated guidance, TVFC/ASN program providers must reach out to the vaccine manufacturer to obtain guidance on vaccine viability.



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## VAOS Reporting

- Monthly reporting in VAOS is required for all TVFC/ASN program-enrolled sites between the first and seventh of each month, whether a vaccine order is placed or not.



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# Standards and Policies

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## Withdrawal

Awardees must document the reason for unenrollment and who initiated the unenrollment in Provider Education Assessment and Reporting (PEAR).



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# Data Reporting

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## Required Trainings

All users who have access to CDC Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) Databases (PEAR and REDCap) must complete and submit certificates for trainings annually:

- CDC You Call the Shots: Module 10
- CDC You Call the Shots: Module 16
- Vaccine Allocation and Ordering Systems (VAOS)
- Current Annual Policy Training Vaccine Education Online



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# Program Evaluation

“Standards for Childhood Immunizations” have been updated to include all 18 standards.

- Guidelines for detailed standards are available at [The Standards for Pediatric Immunization Practice](#)



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# Program Evaluation

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## Common Site Visit Structures: Compliance, IQIP, Storage and Handling

- The signing clinician, primary vaccine coordinator, or backup vaccine coordinator must be present at all site visit related activities.
- DSHS QAI team will conduct all IQIP follow-up activities.



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# Documentation Requirements

## ImmTrac2 Vaccine Eligibility Reporting Codes

- V01 for Private Pay/Insurance: Patient is <19-years-old
- V02 for Medicaid: Patient is <19-years-old
- V03 for No Insurance: Patient is <19-years-old
- V04 for American Indian/Alaskan Native: Patient is <19-years-old
- V05 for Underinsured, FQHC/RHC/Deputized: Patient is <19-years-old
- TXA01 for CHIP: Patient is <19-years-old
- TXA02 for Underinsured, Not FQHC/RHC/Deputized: Patient is <19-years-old
- TXA03 for 19-Year-Old Completing Series: Patient = 19-years-old
- TXA04 for Adult, No Insurance: Patient is  $\geq$  19-years-old
- TXA05 for Adult, Underinsured: Patient is  $\geq$  19-years-old
- TXA06 for Adult, Private Pay/Insurance: Patient is  $\geq$  19-years-old  
Underinsured



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# Adult Safety Net Program

- The following vaccines were removed from the ASN formulary:
  - Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
  - Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV20)
  - Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23)
  - Varicella
- The monovalent Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine was added to the ASN formulary.
  - Added guidance information on the COVID-19 vaccine



# Adult Safety Net Program (Continued)

- 2024 manual language:
  - The COVID-19 vaccine will remain available to enrolled ASN providers on a temporary basis and updates will be provided as they are made available
- Added language about COVID-19 vaccine administration fees
- 2024 manual language:
  - ASN sites may not charge an administration fee for the COVID-19 vaccine



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# **General Reminders**

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# Suspensions

- A live suspension report for TVFC/ASN providers is available on the [DSHS Regions SharePoint](#).
- Suspended TVFC/ASN Program providers are listed by their DSHS PHR and reason for suspension.

## Examples include:

- TVFC/ASN suspension due to program non-compliance.
- TVFC/ASN PEAR suspension due to overdue follow-up action items in PEAR.
- TVFC/ASN VAOS hold due to missing reports in VAOS.
- Withdrawal due to continued TVFC/ASN suspension status.



# Vaccine Orders



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- Enrolled TVFC program providers should maintain a 75-day supply to order smaller amounts more frequently to avoid vaccine loss.
- REs should establish contact with providers that have not placed a vaccine order within the last six-month.

# ACIP Vaccines

- TVFC program policy states, TVFC program providers, unless designated as a “specialty provider”, must offer all ACIP recommended vaccine to the eligible patient populations that they serve.
- Any updates to ACIP-recommended vaccines and CDC guidance will be communicated to REs and providers.



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# Vaccine Depots

- Vaccine depots are sites that receive, store, and distribute VFC vaccines but do not administer vaccines to eligible children.
- Vaccine depots are approved only for select awardees.
- Texas does not allow vaccine depots.



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# Communications



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## REs:

- Receive communications from DSHS through [VacCallCenter@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:VacCallCenter@dshs.texas.gov).
- The distribution lists come from the [RE Contact List](#) located on the [DSHS Regions SharePoint](#).
- REs must ensure the list is updated with staff changes.

## TVFC/ASN Providers:

- Receive communications from DSHS through GovDelivery.
- The provider's distribution list includes the PVC, BVC, and SC.
- Providers must ensure the email addresses are listed correctly.
- Providers should ensure they do not have any email restrictions.

# Summary

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- Throughout the year, the DSHS Immunization Program will announce new policies via official policy letters, memorandums and the monthly newsletter “TVFC/ASN Program News.”
- You may consult the [2024 TVFC/ASN Program Manual](#) as needed, for the handling and management of TVFC/ASN program vaccines.



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# Questions & Answers

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