Transitioning to Pfizer’s Comirnaty®
Gray Cap Formulation

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Pfizer’s Comirnaty (12+ years, gray cap) tris-sucrose formulation is now available in myCAvax. The purple cap formulation is no longer available for Standard Orders. See COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide for additional information on this new vaccine product.

Key Points on Comirnaty® Gray Cap Vaccine

- Does not require dilution
- Recommend carrying only one Pfizer 12+ formulation in inventory (if not, label products very clearly)
- CDC does not recommend administering both purple and gray cap formulations in the same clinic
- Review Vaccine Administration Checklist to minimize administration errors
- Details on ancillary kit configuration will be announced soon

Gray Cap Storage Requirements

- Single-use shippers – shipped at ultracold temperatures (return data logger only, instructions included). **DO NOT USE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**
- Ultracold storage – store at ultracold (-90 to -60°C) temperatures for up to 9 months, counting month printed on vial as 1st month
- Freezers – **DO NOT STORE IN ROUTINE FREEZERS**
- Refrigerators – May be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F) for up to 10 weeks

Not sure how to store? See Receiving & Storing Pfizer & Comirnaty Vaccine Products for guidance.

To Avoid Administration Errors

Ideally carry one Pfizer 12-plus-years formulation at a time, or store purple and gray cap products on separate shelves. Train staff to recognize both products and understand differences in storage, handling, and administration.

When Do I Order Comirnaty® Gray Cap?

- Factor in remaining inventory of Pfizer 12+ Years (Purple Cap) before placing orders; if Pfizer 1170 order has expired, please create a new order for Pfizer tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap)
- There is a 300-dose minimum order (5 cartons) for Standard Orders
- Purple cap formulation may still be available through Small Orders