

Redistribution Agreement: Before You Apply



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Vaccines should be shipped directly to vaccination settings to minimize breaks in the cold chain. However, there may be circumstances where COVID-19 vaccines need to be routinely transported to additional clinic locations responsible for vaccine administration. In these instances, healthcare organizations, third-party vendors, and vaccination providers—primary organization or secondary location—must apply and receive authorization from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to routinely redistribute COVID-19 vaccines to other provider locations. The receiving location must be an enrolled and approved COVID-19 vaccination provider.

Valid Redistribution Scenarios

Redistribution authorization permits routine transport to vaccination settings in these scenarios:

- smaller providers need fewer doses than the minimum order requirements
- health system or multi-jurisdictional organization receives at a central depot and redistributes to affiliated or non-affiliated secondary locations
- large hospital redistributes to small providers and hospitals
- 3rd party cold storage vendor redistributes to other sites
- local health department redistributes to small providers, hospitals, or other health departments

Responsibility of Redistributing Entity

Entities applying for redistribution authorization must sign CDC's Supplemental COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Agreement. The redistribution agreement states that the redistributing entity must "ensure secondary locations receiving redistributed COVID-19 vaccine, constituent products, or ancillary supplies also sign and comply with all conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement."

If Redistribution Is Not an Option

If a provider is not able to administer the minimum order of doses and is unable to take on the responsibility outlined in the redistribution agreement, contact the local health department's Immunization Coordinator for assistance.

Application Process

Redistribution authorization is granted by the State on a case-by-case basis to organizations with sufficient transport capabilities and a detailed redistribution vaccine management plan.

- Redistributing entity must complete and sign the [CDC Supplemental COVID-19 Vaccine Redistribution Agreement](#) and agree to the terms and conditions; agreement requires signatures of Organization Medical Director (or equivalent) and Chief Executive Officer (or chief fiduciary/legal official).
- Complete and sign the [Redistribution Vaccine Management Plan](#).
- Email completed and signed redistribution agreement and vaccine management plan to covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov.
- Providers will be notified by email once materials have been reviewed and a decision is made.

For additional resources, please go to EZIZ's [COVID-19 Vaccine Management](#) page.